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teiba sees oil stability

U DHABI, Nov. 27 (AP) — Most oil-producing nations probably will maintain oil prices at their current high levels and are expected to increase prices only slightly in the chairman of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries says.

Mane Said Oteiba, the UAE's oil minister, told reporters Monday reference to the OPEC meeting in Caracas, Venezuela Dec. 17 to fix new oil prices.

Treasury Secretary G. William Miller said Oteiba's statements are an indication the influence of OPEC price hawks may be waning.

Miller, left Abu Dhabi for Kuwait Tuesday is part of a three Arab oil producing nations.

However, the Kuwaiti News Agency Tuesday said the OPEC chairman as saying his group will decrease production of five per cent in 1980 for technical reasons. The group said he told Miller a small or gradual increase by OPEC countries "cannot be ruled out."

Oteiba said some slight increase in oil prices is likely to come out of the Caracas meeting. He indicated that those countries at the bottom of the price list probably will fit much more than those whose prices are already high, although he didn't rule out an increase for everybody.

Oteiba said he assured Miller his country would produce as much oil as it can, at 1.4 million barrels a day, but said a

reduction of about 80,000 barrels a day will be necessary because of problems in a major oil field.

"We have to accept our responsibility in this small world," Oteiba said. "We are accepting much lower prices for our crude because we want to prove to the outside world we are sacrificing, that we are playing a constructive role."

Miller said he was pleased at this commitment from Abu Dhabi because he had feared it would cut back production by a much larger amount. Abu Dhabi provides about 4 per cent of American oil imports.

Miller said he was pleasantly surprised to discover both in Saudi Arabia and — his previous stop — Abu Dhabi that officials are concerned that a steady upward increase in oil prices could bring on a worldwide recession that would hurt OPEC nations as well as the industrialized nations.

After his arrival in Kuwait Tuesday Miller first met with the ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and then with the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah and with Finance Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Atiqi.

On arrival from Abu Dhabi, Miller praised Kuwait's oil and financial policies and said the United States "really appreciates the many constructive ways in which the Kuwaiti government has contributed to world economic stability."

In response, Atiqi commended Miller for U.S. President Jimmy Carter's "confidence in appointing you treasury secretary in such difficult economic conditions."

Expulsion plans continue

egotiations on Shaka fail

EL AVIV, Nov. 27 (AP) — Contacts between West Bank Arab leaders and the Israeli government to bring about the release of Shaka's Mayor Bassam Shaka appeared to have reached an impasse Tuesday, as Tel Aviv continued plans to expel him.

The decision to expel Shaka stands, "a source in the defense establishment said as telling Maariv newspaper, negotiations on his release have ended."

West Bank leaders had met Defense Minister Weizman and other Israeli officials to discuss Shaka's release in return for a public declaration of remarks construed as support for commando attacks. But the Israelis wanted that Shaka resign, which he refused to do.

"The situation is confused," Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij told reporters. Freij, who has been participating in the negotiations, hoped that the decision to expel Shaka would be rescinded.

A hearing on Shaka's appeal against the expulsion was postponed for a third time Tuesday. The first two postponements Monday were to enable negotiations to continue,

but the latest delay was reportedly for "technical reasons."

The United States and Egypt have urged Israel to stop proceedings against Shaka, who has been accused of inciting resistance to Israeli occupation.

State attorney Gabriel Bach Monday said he rejected a proposal to trade Shaka's release for a promise from Palestinian landowners to delay a petition to the supreme court for the immediate evacuation of an illegal settlement near Nablus.

Bach said the offer was made Sunday by lawyer Elias Houri representing the landowners. The government has agreed to evict the settlers from the Elon Moreh outpost by the end of the year but that pledge did not satisfy the landowners.

"I told Mr. Houri I was not prepared to discuss any connection between the two issues," Bach said. "They are completely separate." He added that he was no longer involved in contacts for Shaka's release.

Stores in the Arab sector of Jerusalem were shuttered in a commercial protest strike over the Shaka affair.



IN JEDDAH: Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, who called on King Khaled Tuesday, was later received by Crown Prince Fahd. (SPA photo)

On Mosque

Arafat lauds Kingdom in talks with Khaled

RIYADH, Nov. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday met with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat and ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad, who came to congratulate him on the Kingdom's policy in dealing with the occupation of the Holy Haram.

Arafat said he had been in constant contact with the King and Crown Prince Fahd during the incident, which he denounced in the strongest terms.

The attack, he said, "violated the holiest place in Islam, hurt the conscience of Muslims everywhere and caused them profound agony."

He said the Palestinian people stood firmly behind Saudi Arabia and its government and people during the crisis. He praised the conduct of the government and Saudi Arabian security forces "in clearing the Holy Haram and defeating the attackers without doing damage to the mosque or endangering the lives of innocent Muslims."

He added that he had also come to Riyadh to "express to the leaders of the Kingdom

that we stand in the same trench, and have one objective against a common enemy."

He was received at the airport here by Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Sattam, and later was received by the King and Sheikh Khalifa. The King held a dinner for the two men later.

The Qatar ruler arrived here late Tuesday afternoon and was received by the King, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and other high-ranking officials.

Sheikh Khalifa was accompanied by Qatar Petroleum Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Khalifa, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Ahmad bin Seif Al-Thani and Information Minister Issa Al-Kawari.

Earlier Tuesday, Vice President and Premier of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Rashid bin Al-Maktoum left here after a luncheon given in his honor by the King.

In Jeddah, meanwhile, Crown Prince Fahd received the Moroccan minister of the court General Abdul Hafeedh Al-Alawi and special advisor to King Hassan Ahmad bin Sawdah. They had arrived here Sunday.

With Prophet's companions

Crash victims buried near Taif

TAIF, Nov. 27 — The remains of 156 victims of Monday's Pakistan International Airlines crash were buried Tuesday after the noon prayer at the Abdullah bin Abbas Cemetery.

Pakistani officials expressed their appreciation that the victims — many of them who were pilgrims on their way home from Mecca — would thus rest in a cemetery containing the remains of 12 companions of the Prophet Muhammad.

Meanwhile, investigations continued Tuesday into the cause of the accident in which the PIA Boeing 707 caught fire and plunged into the rugged mountain areas about 65 miles northeast of Jeddah.

It is suspected that a short circuit in the airplane's electrical system was responsible for the fire and the 2:05 a.m. crash.

It was the worst air disaster ever to take place in the Kingdom.

Iran military on alert

Khomeini blasts U.N. Council meeting

TEHRAN, Nov. 27 (Agencies) — Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini Tuesday denounced the United Nations Security Council as American-dominated and repeated that hostages at the occupied U.S. Embassy must be tried for espionage.

The 79-year-old leader's tough statement was made just hours before the council was to discuss the American-Iranian crisis.

In a statement broadcast over the official radio, Khomeini said the decisions of the council had been dictated by the United States before the 15-member body actually convened.

"Our nation is against an (American) enforced Security Council whose decision is already known," he said.

"The investigation of the charges against the deposed Shah and the case of the spies (at the embassy) will be possible only in Iran and the nest of spies because the proof and evidence of the crimes cannot be transferred abroad."

"We have suffered nearly 100,000 martyrs and we have millions of witnesses and over 100,000 disabled persons who are unable to go abroad to give evidence and to act as witnesses."

"Nest of spies" is the Iranian label for the U.S. Embassy, stormed by students Nov. 4 to press demands for the extradition of the Shah from the U.S. where he is being treated for cancer.

"Nowadays they speak of the Security Council which is going to convene for the investigation of the case of the hostages held by the Iranian nation, whose espionage has been proved to the nation," Khomeini said.



Ayatollah Khomeini

The Security Council meeting was originally requested by Iran's Acting Foreign Minister Abolhassan Bani-Sadr two weeks ago after the United States froze Iranian assets in retaliation for the seizure of the embassy.

Shortly before Khomeini's speech, students holding the embassy and hostages warned they had mined the entire compound apparently fearing a U.S. military attack. The Iranian armed forces stepped up ground, air and sea activities.

They said mines had been rigged throughout the compound and warned the population not to try to enter the embassy.

The increase in Iranian military activity came a day after Khomeini exhorted Iranians to mobilize to fight the "satanic" power of the United States.

Eve of Turkey trip

Jordanian crown prince meets Pope

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 27, (AP) — Pope John Paul II met with Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan in a private audience Tuesday, the Vatican announced.

The meeting between the pontiff and the prince came on the eve of Pope John Paul's departure for Turkey, his first visit to a Muslim nation.

As usual in such private meetings the Vatican gave no details of the matters discussed. Vatican observers said the situation in the Muslim world including the issue of the 49 Americans being held at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, may have been a topic of their conversation.

Prince Hassan is on a four-day visit to Rome for talks with Italian government officials.

Meanwhile, Turkey's new government plans a

red carpet welcome for the Pope as a visiting head of state when he arrives Wednesday, but privately officials say the three-day visit was poorly timed.

Turks appreciate the prestige to be gained from a papal visit and tourism benefits which could accrue from the pontiff's trips to Istanbul and the Aegean port city of Izmir.

According to official sources in Ankara, the Pope relayed his intention to come to Turkey and the previous government had little choice but to invite him. The main purpose of the visit for the Pope is to meet Eastern Orthodox Patriarch Demetrius I to revitalize ecumenical dialogue.

The newly installed government of Premier Suleyman Demirel is now preoccupied with domestic crises and legislative deadlines.

Scores give up

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — Almost all of the 500 renegades who attacked the holy mosque in Mecca last week — including women and children — have surrendered, though a few are still holding out in the basement of the mosque complex.

Special forces Maj. Muhammad Zuaid Al-Nefai, whose troops were in the thick of the action in clearing the mosque, said Tuesday night that the attackers had to be fought room-to-room and minaret to minaret through the mosque.

By Tuesday night the majority of them had surrendered, he said, though heavy casualties were suffered on both sides — and among innocent citizens — throughout the siege.

At one point the renegades were in control of a large portion of the city, including hills overlooking the mosque complex, he said in an interview on Saudi television Tuesday night.

Snipers among the renegades killed innocent women and children, he said.

Four separate units of Saudi troops — from the Army, the National Guard, the Special Forces and the Security Force — were involved in the successful drive to retake the mosque, he said.

Orders to the troops came through two commands, a political command and a military command, both located in Mecca and both in constant touch with King Khaled, he said.

The King set four objectives the military forces were required to follow throughout the operation, he added. They included: saving the mosque from destruction, saving innocent lives, saving the lives of troops, and capturing the renegades alive if possible.

He said that after the first armed forces attack on the mosque, the renegades retreated to a second line of defense, but continued to fight.



Maj. Muhammad Zuaid Nefai during a TV interview Tuesday night.

On Saturday, Saudi troops began using tear gas and asphyxiating gas against the renegades, and gradually forced them to do battle in areas the armed forces had picked, rather than the areas they had chosen, he said.

The renegades used mattresses and bed-covers to try and keep the gas out, their resistance gradually weakened, Maj. Al-Nefai said.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday Saudi forces continued their advance, taking casualties during the fighting but never ceasing to move in on the renegades, he said.

Wounded troops were evacuated, and the battle went on, he added, until by Sunday, the armed forces controlled the entire complex except for the basements.

And Monday and Tuesday have been devoted to attempting to clear them out, with tear gas, shelling, sniping and appeals to surrender.

He said from those who have surrendered, the security forces now know the locations and numbers of those remaining inside the basement.

"They still remain there for the time being," he added.

Anger continues on siege

RIYADH, Nov. 27 (SPA) — Religious scholars, government officials, and Islamic organizations Tuesday continued to voice their horror at the attack on the Holy Haram by a group of renegades.

And the Kingdom's ulama declared their support for the measures taken by the government to clear the mosque of the group of attackers who seized it one week ago.

They added that it had become essential to quell the assault, even if that led to fighting in the mosque and the killing of the assailants.

Speaking on television, Sheikh Rashid bin Saleh bin Khinim, general president of Women's Education, denounced "the traitors who shed the blood of innocent worshippers in the precincts of the holiest place on earth."

He said, "the gang committed a great sin by desecrating the House of God, closing its

gates, forbidding Muslims from praying and hudding the blood of the Muslims there."

"The criminals shall receive their first punishment by being subjected to shame and disgrace in this world, while their sufferings on the Day of Judgment shall be still greater," he added.

Sheikh Rashid described them as a misled gang who violated the law of God and showed utter disregard to Muslims. For these reasons, the authorities acted to quell their mischief after a religious ruling from the ulama, he added.

Meanwhile, the acting Vice-Chancellor of King Abdul Aziz University and university deans and professors condemned the attack, and said they were horrified that this astray gang should have committed such a shameful act. They praised the manner in which the

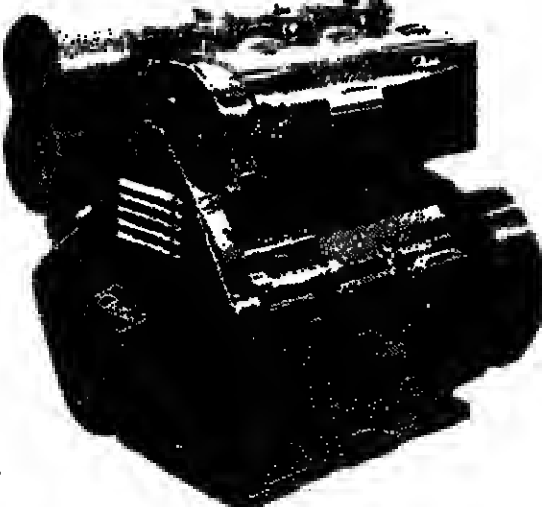
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Meets ministers

U.K. trade official discusses promoting ties

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Nov. 26 — Britain's Secretary of State for Trade John Nott held talks Tuesday with Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and

Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi as part of an effort to seek a larger role for British business in the Kingdom. Nott, who is the first British minister to visit Saudi Arabia since the election of a Conserva-

tive government in the summer, met Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and lunched with his host. "When I get back I will emphasize the amount of business there is for British firms," Nott

told Arab News Tuesday.

"The market here requires close and immediate attention especially as competition for business grows worldwide," he said.

Saudi Arabia is Britain's largest market outside its traditional trading partners in Europe and the United States. Britain is in the fortunate position, because of domestic oil supplies, of being almost in trade balance with the Kingdom. British visible exports to the Kingdom are likely to be the highest ever this year at rather over £ 800 million, while Britain regained its position last year as the Kingdom's fourth largest trading partner.

But in certain areas, notably construction, the British share has been slipping and "We do want a few more large projects," Nott said. British firms are not involved in discussions over heavy industrial projects, although ICI is technology licensor for the Shell-SABIC ethylene project, but Nott expected to discuss technical and management opportunities for British companies.

But in line with traditional Conservative attitudes to the private sector, he said that the government could not oblige companies to enter the market if they felt the risk was too high. "Many of the large British contractors are not even bidding," because of the stiff, and perhaps not entirely long-sighted, competition from new industrial countries. "At the same time, there seems little likelihood of enhanced government help to overseas contractors, through such agencies as the Export Credit Guarantees Department. "It doesn't seem necessary to extend government

help," Nott said.

In a sense, the Conservative attitude may be more in line with the thinking of such confirmed proponents of free enterprise as Dr. Solaim. At talks Monday, the commerce minister applauded the new government's recent decision to abolish all controls on international exchange flows.

Private-sector delegates from the Committee on Middle East Trade (COMET) travelling with Nott also said that Saudi Arabian commerce and industry officials had invited greater participation in joint ventures in the more liberal investment climate.

There are already about 100 Saudi-British joint ventures.

Although "95 per cent of British companies" never have a strike, Nott admitted that the picture of British industrial relations abroad is still poor. The issue is of significance, since Britain is attempting to land an order from the Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) for 500 inner-city buses for British Leyland, which has a reputation for strife.

Nott is also Britain's minister of tourism and he discussed in broad terms the treatment of Saudi tourists in London, since an explosion of visitors there three years ago.

"We agreed that hotel rates were very high," he said. In turn, the difficulty of obtaining Saudi Arabian visas, which appears to be growing into a major issue with the Kingdom's trading partners, was raised.

Nott and the COMET party are expected to leave for home Wednesday.

In Jeddah, Riyadh

Authorities to auction airport sites to public

RIYADH, Nov. 27 (Agencies) — Jeddah and Riyadh airports will be sold to the public in an auction as the new airport for each city is opened.

A Royal Decree stipulates that planning start immediately and the land should be divided into several lots for the auction. It said that the move was meant to cope with the expansion of urban growth in the Kingdom.

The decree also said that the proceeds of the auction shall go to the cities' municipalities as a supplementary revenue to be used in further coordination and urban development projects.

A high-level committee will be set up to supervise the planning and work out the regulations for the auction and the municipal projects to be financed by the proceeds of the sale.

The committee will be headed by Crown Prince Fahd and comprise Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh OIC finance

committee meets.

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — A meeting of the Permanent Finance Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference opened here Tuesday, Arab News has learnt. Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye, the outgoing secretary-general, is attending what may be his last meeting as head of the OIC.

Official visits Jeddah

Dutch make pitch for Saudi tourists

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — Dutch Ambassador Jonkheer van Nispen gave a party Monday night in honor of the director of the International Division of the Netherlands National Tourist Office.

The director, Arne Duyf, is leading a team of officials on a tour of Gulf countries to promote Arab tourism in Holland.

Speaking to Arab News, Duyf said at present 32,000 Arabs visit Holland every year, against nearly 500,000 who visit Britain spend-

ing an average of £ 1,500 per head during an average visit of a fortnight. These expenses include only cost of boarding and lodging.

Duyf said the cost of living in Holland is about the same as that in Britain. "We have good hotels, excellent shopping and a great variety of food and tourist attractions, including our famous diamond business."

A promotion campaign will be ready by April next year that will include group and guided tours of the country, he said.



John Kapiotis
Sheraton boss
visits new hotel

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — John Kapiotis, president of Sheraton Management Corporation, arrived here on a visit to the new Sheraton Hotel. He will spend a few days to review the first few weeks of business.

Khuwaiter sees Bahraini aide

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter Tuesday met an official of the Bahrain Ministry of Education. The official, Hussain Muhammad Hussain, is visiting Saudi Arabia to study examination regulations.

Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, Minister of Planning and Hisham Nazer.

The King also decreed that same procedure shall be followed for all similar land every time an airport is moved to a new location.

South Jeddah to have prior in planting plants

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — Southern area of Jeddah is given priority for planting trees and flowers, Deputy Mayor Hassan Hajara said Tuesday.

He added that the municipality will take advantage of empty plots to make it verdant by planting trees and or a children's playground. Trees for every street have been chosen, Al-Bilad quoted as saying.

Nets to protect plants have been provided, and a main program supervised by natural experts has been started. Watering is done at night, hindering traffic during the have noticed in the past. Tankers watering the plantations on Macaroni Street, flood road with water and traffic on the right side street," he said.

Hajara said the plantations have reached the bottom of the city. He added that it is the responsibility of the public after the plants.



Arne Duyf

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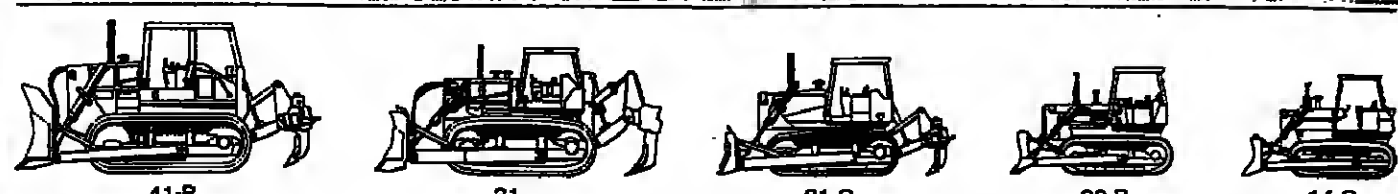
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Jeddah	32	24	Wajh	28	18
Riyadh	26	10	Turaif	22	06
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Exploring new areas

Taipei cultural talks open

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — A meeting on cultural cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Nationalist China opened in Taipei Tuesday. The two sides will be seeking new areas for cultural exchanges.

The Chinese embassy here said in a statement Tuesday that the two sides are also reviewing the results of exchanges agreed at their first meeting last year. A communiqué will be issued Thursday afternoon.

The Saudi Arabian side at the Sino-Saudi, Permanent Committee on Cultural Cooperation is led by Dr. Mahmoud Safar, deputy minister of higher education, and the Chinese by Vice Education Minister Li Mo.

The seven-member Saudi Arabian delegation arrived in Taipei Monday afternoon. They were greeted at the Chiang Kai-shek International Airport by Li and Pao Yu-yu, director of the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations of the Ministry of Education.

Other members of the Saudi Arabian delegation are Saad Al-Hamid, director of foreign relations of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Abdullah Nassif, rector of King Abdul Aziz University, Dr. Fahd Al-Dakhil, deputy rector of The University of Petroleum and Minerals, Prof. Saud A.H. Saman, attaché at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Sulaiman Al-Quraishi, director of the Technical Affairs Office of the deputy minister for Higher Education.

China and Saudi Arabia began their cultural cooperation program last October, as the permanent committee was set up in Riyadh.

The delegations will discuss strengthening the cultural interchange programs agreed on at their last meeting, to find new fields of cooperation and to sponsor a Saudi cultural week in Taipei.

Under the program, the Saudi government sent Ahmad Saleh, a teacher of Arabic, to the National Chengchi University last year for a year.

Another two Saudi Arabian teachers of Arabic, Ibrahim Al-Eed, and Sulaiman Al-Khuleifi, arrived here recently to teach in the National Chengchi University. The two teachers, accompanied by Dawood King, Chairman of the Department of Arabic language and Culture of the university, called on Dr. Ouyang Hsun, president of the university Saturday.

The government of China has agreed to give 10 scholarships to Saudi students in medicine, and another 11 scholarships in engineering.

In return, the Saudi Arabian authorities have given 17 scholarships to Chinese students to study Arabic in Riyadh University. These students are expected to start next August, according to the Chinese Education Ministry.

A total of 19 college students

who graduated from King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah arrived here in July to gain practical engineering experience from Taiwan's construction projects. The program was sponsored by four major local engineering firms, including the Ret-Ser Engineering Agency.

Of the 19 Saudi students, 10 were at the Ret-Ser Engineering Agency, five at Taiwan Power Co., two at China Engineering Consultants Inc., and two at China Technical Consultants, Inc.

The Chinese Ministry of Education has organized a goodwill mission of Chinese students to Saudi Arabia next month.

The Chinese government has sent more than 100 books and magazines concerning Chinese culture, language, history, and development to Saudi Arabia.

The Chinese government has also sent five documentary films introducing the development of physical education, sports, camping, and special education in Taiwan.

Exchange of visits of educational administrators and teachers was also promoted last year by the two governments.

Tang Chib, president of the Taiwan Provincial Taipei Institute of Technology, visited Saudi Arabia last year to promote cooperation in technical and vocational education. A cooperation program has been sent to the Saudi Arabian government.



Philipp von Schoeller

The National Chengchi University in Taipei is inviting professors and experts in Islamic culture and Chinese culture here to research the relations between the two. National Chungshan University in Taichung is also preparing to set up an Arabian research institute to promote the interflow of Chinese and Arabian culture.

The Ret-Ser Engineering Agency of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen, has meanwhile announced it won contracts worth \$16.73 million in Saudi Arabia last month.

The Ret-Ser said that of the total amount contracted for in October, \$18.83 million was in Taiwan and \$19.04 million in foreign countries, mainly Saudi Arabia.

According to Ret-Ser's statistics, the state-run engineering firm has engaged in construction projects totalling \$161.16 million in July to October this year, registering an increase of 29 per cent over the same period in 1978.

Austrian trade team will visit Kingdom

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — An Austrian trade mission is to visit Saudi Arabia from Dec. 1 to 6, before going on to North Yemen.

So far six Austrian trade missions have visited the Middle East "on account of the growing importance of the Arab Markets for the Austrian economy," according to Philipp Von Schoeller, president of the Industrial Section of the Federal Economic Chamber.

Schoeller says Saudi Arabia "has become the most important market for Austrian goods in the Arab region."

Representatives of Austrian industrial and planning companies will study the potential role to be played by Austria in the Third Five-year Plan.

"The 19 members of the trade mission will also have an opportunity to discuss the possibility of joint ventures with Saudi Arabian partners," he says.

Speaking about the mission to an Austrian magazine dealing with the Middle East, Schmid attached "tremendous value" to the delegation. He hoped that Austrian businessmen will get to know the size of the Arab market, as almost anything can be exported, from light bulbs to turnkey plants. The Austrians will also find that there is no scarcity of funds. They will come to understand that a company may well succeed in this market, if it is prepared to enter into long-term commitments.

Schmid agreed that the Austrians were rather late comers to Saudi Arabia "But when it comes to sophisticated technical structures, Western European companies are hard to beat. Let me remind you that it was Wagner-Biro from Austria that was awarded a contract for the construction of the most difficult section of a trunk road because advanced technologies and a highly experienced staff were needed for the project."

So far, he said, Austrian exports have covered the whole range of products, from sawn timber to fruit juice. "In future companies should pay more attention to the wide field of technology. In particular, I am thinking of electrification technology and electronics machinery and vehicles. Engineering offices, in the field of surveying, also stand good chances."

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"The 19 members of the trade mission will also have an opportunity to discuss the possibility of joint ventures with Saudi Arabian partners," he says.

Speaking about the mission to an Austrian magazine dealing with the Middle East, Schmid attached "tremendous value" to the delegation. He hoped that Austrian businessmen will get to know the size of the Arab market, as almost anything can be exported, from light bulbs to turnkey plants. The Austrians will also find that there is no scarcity of funds. They will come to understand that a company may well succeed in this market, if it is prepared to enter into long-term commitments.

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Saudi Comment

By Dr. Hassan Abdullah Abu Rukbah Al-Bilad

As news of the attack on the Holy Haram broke last Tuesday the international news agencies exploited the situation by putting out false information which revealed their goals of hurting this peaceful country and the Islamic world. We can be sure that but for the official statements made by the government explaining what was happening and why, the agencies would have seized the opportunity to achieve their aims.

The information spread by the agencies could have caused some confusion abroad. So the Information Ministry refuted the foreign reports as they came and thereby put an end to falsehoods and allegations.

The agencies were thirsty for news at any cost and ready to spread it even before making sure of its accuracy. If news was not available they went ahead and created it to fill in the blanks because they had to continue putting out bulletin after bulletin to justify its survival and to underscore them with their well known malice against the Islamic world by falsehoods and allegations that aim at breaking Muslim ranks.

Without so much as making sure of what they had, the agencies used their awesome power to spread the news throughout the world. Even in the developing countries information media have to depend to a considerable extent on what these agencies churn out.

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By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — A contract will shortly be signed with the Indian government's Bharat Heavy Electricals for the operation and maintenance of the Jizan rural electrification network. The company leads the consortium that was awarded the SR286 million construction contract in a government-to-government deal two years ago.

According to Natesan Subramanian, the deputy secretary of the Association of Indian Engineering Industry, the contract will run for two years and will include the training of Saudi Arabian engineers.

Subramanian has just finished leading an eight-member delegation sponsored by his association on a visit to the Kingdom. He describes the Saudi Arabian government as "extremely receptive" to Indian proposals of activity in the Kingdom.

One almost concrete result of the visit has been the possibility of final-year engineering students from Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University being sent for on-the-job training in India for two months. The Indian side will be submitting a proposal in a month, having agreed in principle to the scheme. KAAU has requested Indian state businesses and private enterprise take 50 students.

Saudi Arabia is emerging as an important market for India. It is in the engineering and construction areas that this trend is most pronounced. The association, which serves as the national association for 1,400 engineering, manufacturing and construction companies, has been given special attention to developing the Kingdom as a market.

In 1975 and 1976, Indian exports of manufactured goods to Saudi Arabia totalled SR60 million. By 1977 to 1978, this had increased to SR145 million. Saudi Arabia is the third largest market for Indian manufactured goods and imports approximately six per cent of total Indian manufacturing worldwide exports. The association considers that by 1980 to 1981, Saudi Arabia should emerge as the single largest market.

The major products from India to have found a market in Saudi

Zambians study supplying zoo

JEDDAH, Nov. 27 — Mayor of Riyadh Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ally Al-Naim Monday met a Zambian delegation to discuss supplying Zambian animals to Riyadh zoo. The delegation visited the zoo. They will send animals suited to the Kingdom's climate according to local reports.

Arabia are mild steel pipes and tubes, iron and steel castings, diesel engines, wire ropes, mechanical pumps, steel furniture, aluminium foil utensils, hand-tools, steel structures, electric fans, electric motors, auto parts, etc. A number of contracts have been awarded in management and power plants, port operations, hotel management, civil construction and various engineering services.

The AIEI trade mission, representing leading companies from India in the petro-chemical, electrical and construction sectors, held meetings with Dr. Sulaiman A. Solaim, commerce minister; Dr. Fouad Farsi, deputy minister of industry; Mahmoud Taiba, governor of the General Electricity Organization; Dr. Abdul Rabman Zamil, deputy governor of the General Electricity Organization; Dr. Jamal Jawa and Dr. Ali Robaishi, Deputy Governors of Petromin; Abdul Mohsen Bashawi, Vice President of the Saudi Government Rail Road Organization; Dr. J. Jishi, Director-General, Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu; J.J. Kelberer, Chairman of Aramco; Muhammad Furaih, president of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Khaled Al-Zamil, vice president of the Dammam Chamber of Commerce.

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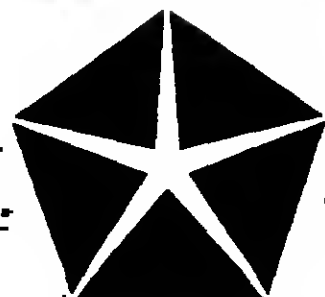
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New challenge to Sarkis

Saad Haddad said asking southerners to join him

SIDON, South Lebanon, Nov. 27 (Agencies) — Lebanese army renegade Maj. Saad Haddad has escalated his defiance of the Lebanese government by asking southern villagers to join his forces and evict the U.N. peace forces in the region, travelers reaching here reported Tuesday.

Haddad told the villagers to pay taxes to him instead of the government of President Elias Sarkis and to allow Israeli merchandise to enter their villages, the travelers said.

Last April, Haddad declared a "free Lebanon" state in a six mile deep strip along Lebanon's 59-mile-long southern border with Israel.

Equipped and supplied by Israel, Haddad's rightist militiamen and army deserter followers have been defying Sarkis, the eight-nation U.N. peace force in the south and Palestinian commandos.

Haddad wants the Palestinians out of southern Lebanon and has criticized the 5,800-strong U.N. interim force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for being too weak to check commando activities in the area.

He also vowed to broaden his state, annex more villages, drive the commandos out of the south and "liberate the rest of Lebanon from the Syrian military occupation."

Syria's 22,000-man peace-keeping army part of the Arab Deterrent Force has been guarding a 36-month-old civil war armistice between rightist militias and a coalition of Palestinian commandos, and leftist groups.

Meanwhile, the United Nations reported that at least four persons were wounded Monday when rightist militias exchanged artillery and mortar fire with Palestinian commandos in South Lebanon.

A communique by the UNIFIL command said the rightists started the shooting, firing 35 rounds of artillery and mortar shells on villages near U.N. outposts, wounding four persons. But the rightists claimed the Palestinians shot first, after mining a road used by militia patrols.

An Israeli military spokesman denied a Lebanese state radio report that Israeli guns took part in the fighting.

In another development, militiamen of the leftist "Lebanese Arab Army" Tuesday ambushed a Lebanese army car, slightly injuring one of the occupants.

An army statement said the attackers were in a car which overtook the army vehicle and strayed it with bullets near Sidon. The soldiers fired back, forcing the raiders to flee, the statement said.

Kurdistan ceasefire announced

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP) — Iranian army leaders announced a ceasefire in Kurdistan Monday in an effort to create an appropriate atmosphere for the current peace talks there, according to a broadcast by Tehran radio.

The broadcast, monitored here, quoted a statement by the "joint staff" of the army. It said the armed forces were ordered to halt military operations in the region for as long as negotiations continue between the government and Kurdish religious and political leaders provided that the forces themselves are not subjected to any form of attack.

"Needless to say, the army will prevent any armed action which might endanger the security of the people. And in particular, no violation whatsoever of the security forces' barracks either in and outside the towns would be tolerated," the statement said.



ANTI-U.S. MARCH: Many thousands of Iranian women join men on a march toward the United States Embassy in Tehran last week. The embassy was seized by students Nov. 4 demanding the extradition of the Shah who is in the U.S. for cancer treatment.

Afghan border movement reported

KARACHI, Nov. 27 (AP) — A large-scale movement of Afghan troops supported by Russian-made tanks has been sighted along the Pakistan border in northern Afghanistan, the daily *Jang* of Karachi said Monday. The paper said one full division of the Afghan army has been stationed in the central district villages of Barri Kot and Asmar close to the Pakistan border. It said the Afghan troops, supported by Soviet military advisers are digging trenches along the border inside Afghan territories.

New tremor hits northwest Iran

TEHRAN, Nov. 27 (AP) — An area in northwest Iran, devastated by a killer earthquake two weeks ago, was struck by another strong tremor Tuesday, the official news agency Pars reported. Two hours after the new tremor, measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale, was recorded. There were no reports of casualties or damage, the agency added.

The stricken area is about 230 kilometers south of the holy city of Mashad. The previous earthquake in the same area two weeks ago killed 200 people.

Pakistani journalist's trial delayed

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 27 (AP) — The military court Monday postponed until later this week the trial of a journalist charged with "creating hatred between the people." Salamat Ali could receive 35 lashes and a jail term for his article in the *Far East Asian Economic Review*.

Britain names new envoy to Libya

LONDON, Nov. 27 (R) — Britain Tuesday named Middle East expert Michael Edes, 49, as the new ambassador to Libya. Edes, a career diplomat is trained as an Arabist. His previous appointments include serving as ambassador to North Yemen, assistant head of the Foreign Office's Arabian Department and as assistant political agent in Dubai.

Morocco confident over Sahara

TANGIER, Nov. 27 (OFNS) — There is a strong mood of confidence among Moroccans that the Western Sahara war is moving their way.

The Polisario's "Sahrawi People's Liberation Army" had won several victories against the Moroccan army since August, but the superior training and discipline of the Moroccans have recently been counting in large battles.

The biggest setback for the Polisario came this month, when the guerrillas left some 150 bodies on the field and lost many men as prisoners after failing to take Bou Craa, a key phosphate production center in the Western Sahara.

Moroccan radio, television and newspapers exulted over the gory evidence of defeat. The media also capitalized on allegations that 500 Cubans were training Polisario forces in Algeria, helped by

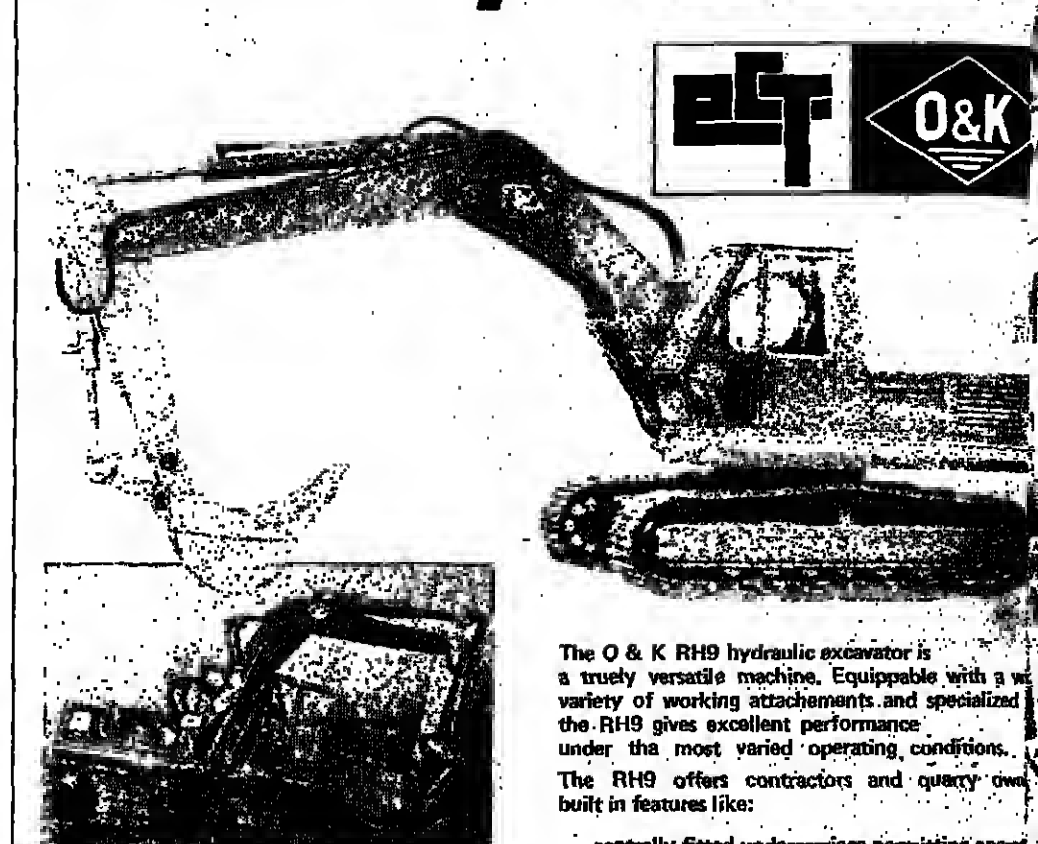
Russian and Vietnamese instructors. The claim made by a former Polisario official who defected to Morocco.

Polisario's former freedom to operate impunity in the Western Sahara is increasingly threatened by the latest Moroccan initiative to regain control by sending strong mobile columns into the desert terrain, of which the Polisario force had appeared complete masters. Moroccan military columns are reported to be systematically locating and destroying Polisario supply dumps.

But the Moroccans have still to win the international diplomatic battle.

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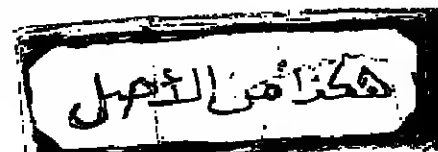
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By Clare Kent

JEDDAH — Pictures of the romantic figures of Antar and Abta must be familiar to anyone living in the Middle East. They can be seen in suqs, coffee houses and houses in many towns and villages, painted on cloth, paper or glass. But only a few people remember or know about the many folk tales associated with this legendary couple. Television has taken over the story tellers' role. Men no longer gather in the local coffee-house to hear the latest instalment of the adventures. They no longer become involved, taking sides in the battles, and singing with the lovers.

The professional story tellers, or hakuwas, who specialized in relating the adventures of Antar, had a title of their own —

'anatirah'. These stories were the most popular. Everyone loved to hear of Antar ibn Shaddad, the black slave who fell in love with the daughter of the family he served. They loved to hear how he won her hand in marriage by his exploits as a warrior.

Fortunately these stories were eventually recorded in Arabic. They filled thirty-two volumes. In the nineteenth century a French and an English version were published. Recently Diana Richmond selected, translated and adapted

some of the best known tales into English and has produced a beautifully illustrated book of them.

Diana Richmond has lived and travelled in the Middle East for many years. She was first inspired to find out more about Antar after seeing a Damascus glass painting of him. She has rewritten the stories in her book with the aim of "re-creating their original fluency, richness and chivalric pride."

The stories are about the tribes who roamed the deserts and mountains of Arabia before the birth of the Prophet. Antar's own

tribe sought pasture for their animals in the area north and west of Medina, a wild and hilly land.

Antar's father was Shaddad and his mother was a beautiful black slave woman called Zabeeda. One story describes Zabeeda as Shaddad first saw her:

"She was young, and she walked with all the spring and grace of Africa. Her skin was smooth as ebony, her wrists and ankles delicately formed as the bones of a gazelle. Her teeth, when she smiled, sparkled like hailstones in the sunshine after a desert storm, and her eyes burned brown like polished corne lion."

We learn that Antar was large and strong from the moment of his birth. And, as a boy tending the tribe's animals, he became determined that, although born a slave, he would become an equal in the tribe.

Abta was the daughter of Shaddad's brother, Malec, and Malec's wife Sheriya. Thus she was a cousin of Antar. Antar fell in love with her after accidentally seeing her unveiled one morning when he brought sheep's milk to the women's tent. From that day on he sang his love in poems which Abta heard and treasured.

But Shaddad refused to allow Antar to marry Abta until he had proved himself a worthy member of the tribe. The stories tell of the treachery and battles that Antar faced until finally he was accepted. On that day Abta's brother Amr, who strongly disapproved of Antar, said: "O Antar, never would I have allowed my sister to marry a slave, a herder of camels, but today, since you stand among us as free and as noble as your father, you are worthy also to take my sister in betrothal. Remember me hereafter, I pray you, as your humble servant."



This was not the end of Antar's problems. He still had enemies and Abta's father set him many impossible tasks before he would allow the marriage. This, of course, meant that many more stories of his exploits could be told. Among these was the story of the 'flying camels' of Hira.

Antar was told that he must pay a bride price of a thousand of the 'flying camels', the pride of King 'Mundhir'. In the process of trying to acquire these camels, Antar was captured by King Mundhir. However, Antar told the King his story in the form of a poem and sang of his love for Abta. The King

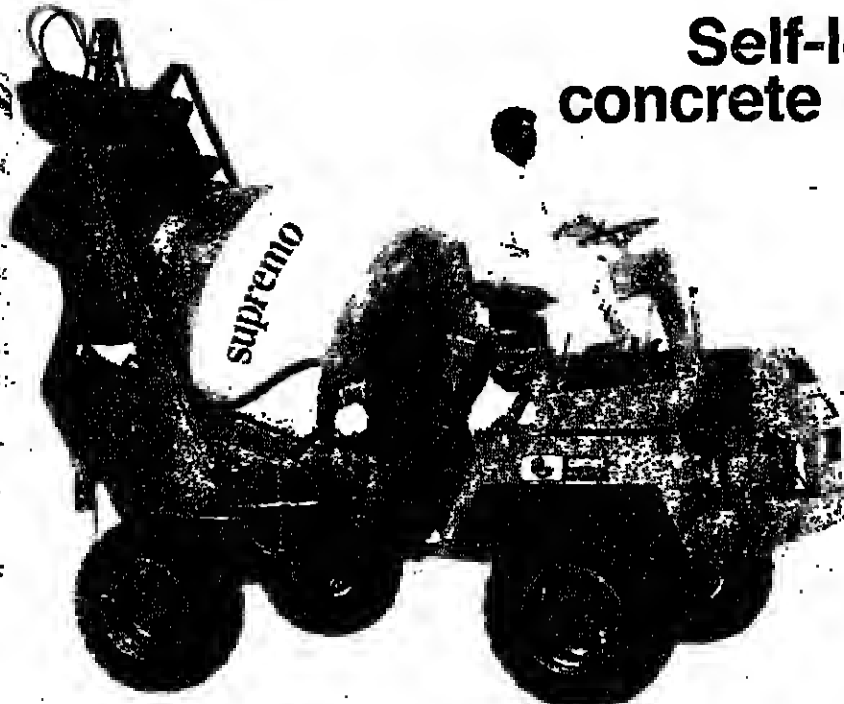
was moved. At that moment, a huge lion appeared on the scene. Antar's bonds were loosened and he killed the lion single-handed. Then the King promised to give him the camels and send him home if he would first help them fight their enemies.

More courageous adventures led to Antar eventually going back to his tribe with the thousand 'flying camels' which "have no wings but seem nevertheless to fly over the desert on strong legs and velvet feet, making no more noise than does an owl-flitting across the silver sands by moonlight."



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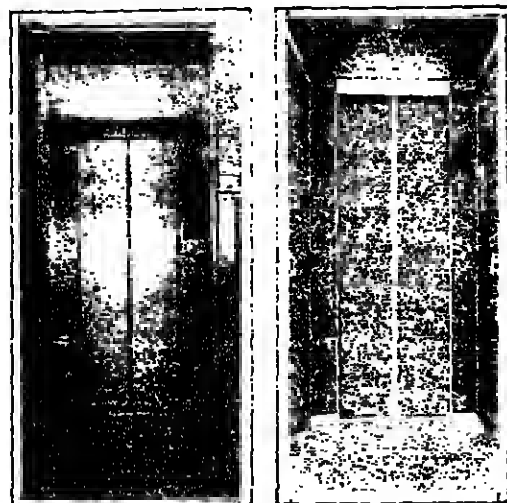
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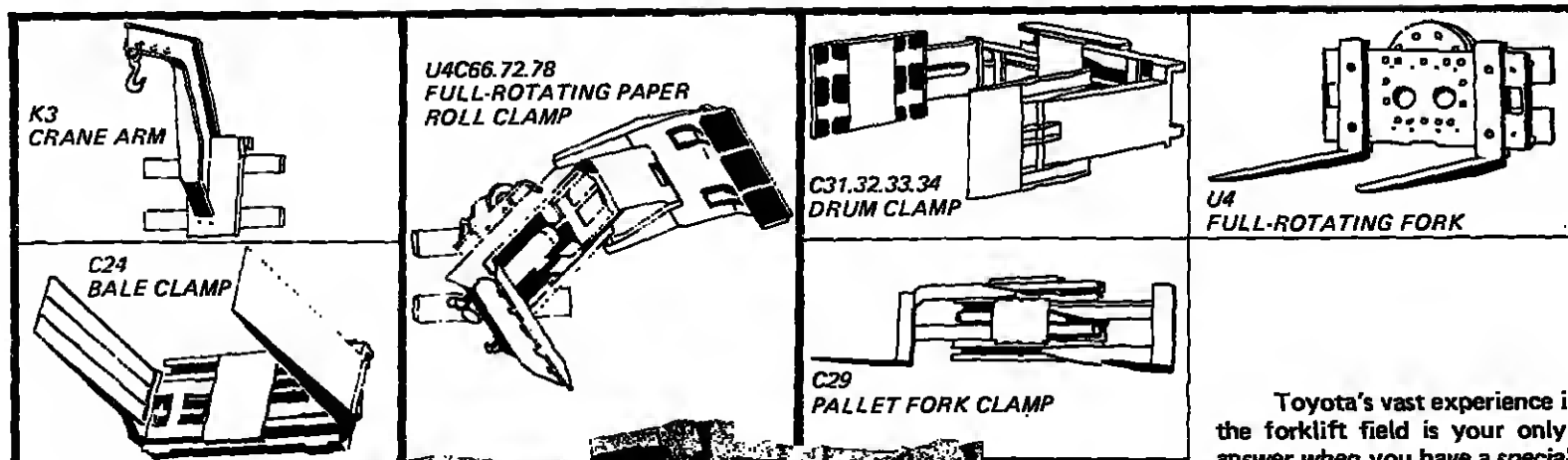


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A POSSIBLE OUT

The U.N. Security Council has already called upon Iran to release the hostages held at the American embassy in Tehran. The history of the Council and the organization as a whole has amply demonstrated its powerlessness in international crises.

As U.N. Secretary General Waldheim is no doubt aware of this, his move, the first on the part of a Secretary General for nineteen years, to convene the Security Council cannot reflect more than his mounting concerns at the deterioration of the situation. It is certainly no prelude to a solution — not from this quarter at least.

Yet this is not to abandon hope. And the cause for this is some what paradoxical. It is the very gravity of the threat of an armed clash between Iran and America to the fabric of international relations and the world economy that must act as a brake on any further deterioration.

This is coming through the fog of threat and counter threat, of verbal violence and military demonstration. The Americans, on their part, cannot abandon their basic demand, that of freedom for the hostages. But the Iranians, who are after all making the running, are giving increasingly clear signals of scaling down their terms.

Iranian officials say now in private that, rather than the unconditional return of the Shah to face trial in Iran, a declaration in principle by the American administration regarding Iran's right to his property abroad, as well as one recognizing his brutality, would suffice.

It is clear that such a formulation offers a way out for both parties. For a declaration in principle would set the hostages free. What would remain then is the long legal wrangle on the extent of the Shah's holdings and the competence of the administration to dispose of them according to Iranian demands. The question of the Shah's criminality would also go the same way.

What the Iranian government requires therefore is only something to offer to the students who have taken over the embassy. To merely order them home would involve a severe loss of face. To be able to tell them that they can stand down, their objective, no matter in what watered down form, having been achieved, is quite another matter.

Letter to the editor

c/o Zeyad Idris,
Muhammad Yonis Addus,
P.O. Box 4845, Jeddah

Dear Sir:

I am a frequent reader of Arab News. In fact, it is folly and wrong to judge in hesitation for the minor mistakes that appear in every page of the newspaper, such as spelling errors. But one great fraud I observed on Nov. 19 of the current year's edition on the final page was the displacement of names of the prominent figures of two different countries.

Did those mistakes occur deliberately, or did they happen for amusement?

Is the following equation right? Robert Mugabe white man Ronald Reagan.

Yours,

Muhammad Yonis Addus.

(Very) Recently arrived in Jeddah.

Editor's note

Dear Mr. Addus,

Thank you for your interest in Arab News. The mistake took place, as most newspaper mistakes do, neither deliberately nor for our amusement. It happened simply because the man who mounts pictures on the negative for our pages was careless, and saw only that the first names of both men begin with an 'R'. It has happened before — there was once an edition which identified U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance as 'Moo's widow and vice versa' — and it will unhappily almost certainly happen again. But we hardly think, as you seem to imply, that some deep conspiracy was afoot in the inadvertent oversight of a technician who speaks no English on duty late one night.

India faces separatism in the triangle

By Samanta Datta-Ray

CALCUTTA —

India fears that underground guerrilla armies may join forces throughout the troubled states of the North-East in an attempt to throw off Hindu imperialism.

The north-eastern triangle, connected to India proper by a corridor of land only a few miles wide, has been racked with dissent for years, with recurrent stories of atrocities by Indian troops.

Some of the dissent is fostered by China: Peking claims part of the triangle, which in total covers 150,000 square miles of mountains and valleys sandwiched between Burma, Bhutan, Tibet, Nepal and Bangladesh.

In a guerrilla incident a few days ago, the 'Z' brigade of the outlawed Mizoram National Front crossed the hills into Tripura and shot up an Indian military outpost, killing two soldiers and a trader and stealing money, clothes and medicine.

Such raids have been common since the wartime Nagas raised the standard of independence when the British left in 1947. They have been subdued only by extensive and often repressive Indian army operations.

Ominously, the 'Z' brigade attack was the first time tribal guerrillas had carried their 'war of liberation' outside their own territory. The offensive tended to confirm fears of a link between underground armies in the North-East. This could force India to launch a major campaign in the triangle, which is virtually inaccessible to conventional forces.

The 20 million people of the triangle are of Mongoloid descent and are Buddhists, animists or Christians, placing them outside the main stream of the Indian population, whom they regard with contempt.

Last month Meghalaya, the most developed and peaceful of the north-eastern states, erupted into riots against settlers from the Indian plains. Six years ago Meghalaya proposed residential permits to keep out immigrants, but the measure was struck down by Mrs. Gandhi's government. Resentment has simmered ever since.

Animosity was strengthened recently when one of the north eastern areas, Arunachal Pradesh, was persuaded by New Delhi to pass a law which, in effect, forbids Christian worship. More than 90 per cent of Mizos and about 60 per cent of Nagas are Christian. They are convinced India wants to force the tribes into the straitjacket of Hinduism.

Separatism is sustained by the North-East's distance from the rest of India and by traditions which link it with other neighbours.

Most of Arunachal Pradesh was once administered by the abbots of Towang Monastery, who accepted Lhasa's supremacy. The region is claimed by China as one of the five fingers of its Tibetan palm.

Manipur and Tripura were ruled by semi-independent princes until 1948. The tribal pockets of Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram also retained a distinct identity under the British, who made little attempt to integrate them with India.

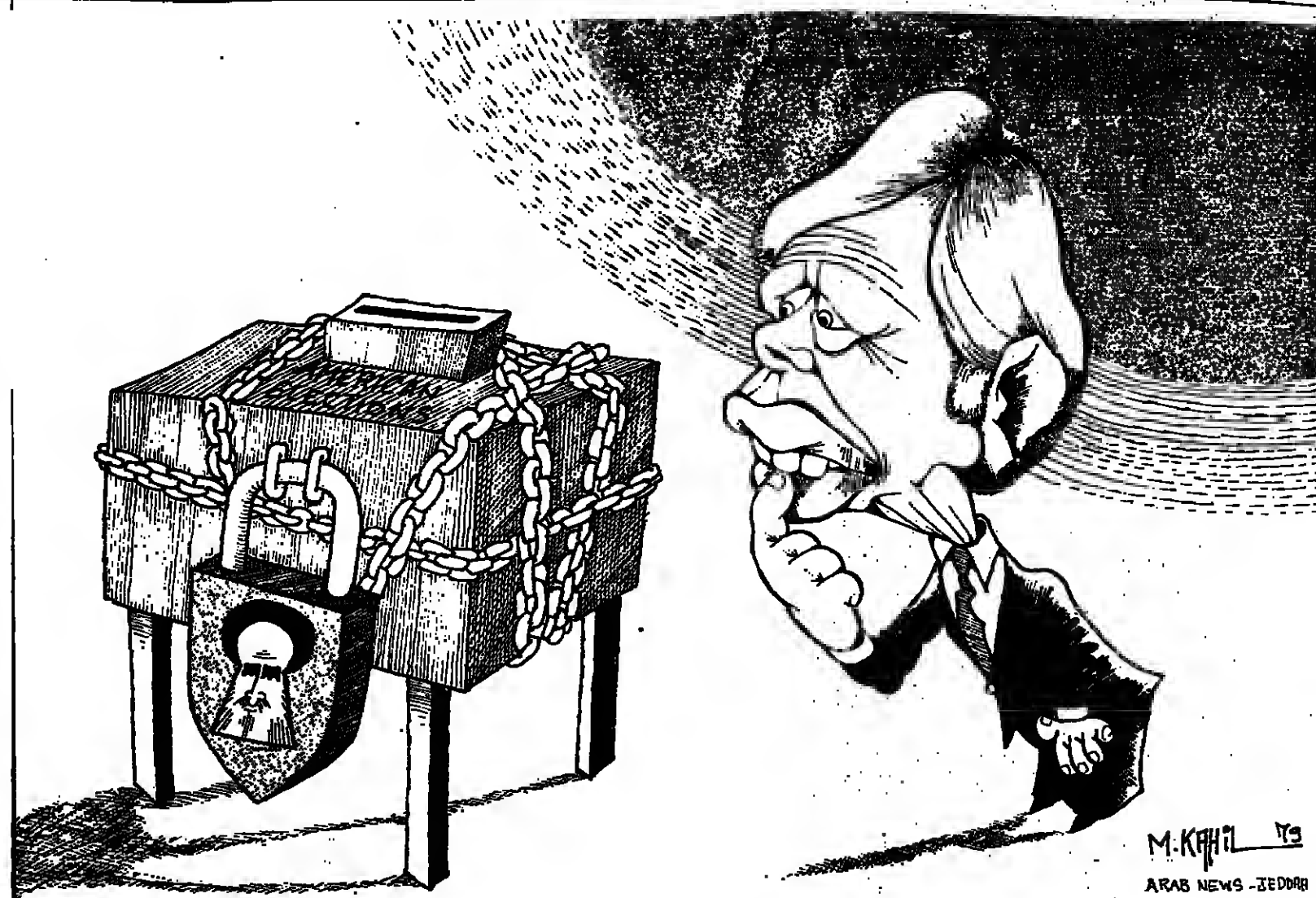
Nagaland was the first to protest at India's 'expansionism', followed by Mizoram, which has been in a state of armed rebellion since 1966, when there was an attempt to set up an independent government.

Tripura's underground National Volunteer Force operates from a Mizo training camp in Bangladesh's Chittagong Hills. The Tripura guerrilla leader, Vijay Kumar Rangkhel, complains that tribal land has been appropriated; that immigrants control politics; and that the local language, Kachar, has been replaced by Bengali.

The independence demand in neighbouring Manipur — where New Delhi dismissed the elected government this month — has led to attacks on police stations, military camps and jails, and the assassination of Indian officials.

Manipur's People's Liberation Army is the only guerrilla group in the North-East to boast an ideological base. Its Chinese indoctrinated leaders claim authority over not only Manipur but also Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh — in fact, the entire triangle.

As a result of the guerrilla activity, history is likely to repeat itself the tragedy of India's experience in Nagaland. Horror stories of the army's 'pacifying mission', published abroad (notably by the Minority Rights Group in London), were dismissed as Western propaganda until they were repeated by the Naga People's Movement for Human Rights and taken up at the end of October by the People's Union for Civil Liberties in New Delhi. (OFNS).



Teddy tries to shed brothers' image

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON —

The third week in November is always the most difficult in Edward Kennedy's personal calendar. "And this year," said a friend in Boston, "he is finding it harder than ever."

On Tuesday, in Washington, he visited the grave of his murdered brother Bobby, to mark what would have been Bobby's 54th birthday. By Thursday he had joined the rest of the Kennedy clan at its Hyannis hideaway. It was America's annual Thanksgiving holiday, but it was also the 16th anniversary of his brother Jack's assassination.

In between, he hit the campaign trail through New Hampshire, in pursuit of the same goal that cost both his brothers their lives. His massive security is a constant reminder of the danger. It is impossible, as you watch him mount platforms and plunge into crowds, not to fear the crack of a rifle at any moment.

He has been advised to campaign from radio and TV stations, minimising his public appearances, but has shunned any such thought. His family, above all, live in fear (so much so that they offered him no counsel on his decision to run). They know, however, that it is all part of Ted's attempt to prove that he is not just his brothers' brother.

It is arguable, of course, that we would never have heard of Edward Moore Kennedy had he been born to a different family. "If your name were Edward Moore," said his Democratic opponent for Jack's Senate seat in 1962, "litter in defeat," your candidacy would be a joke." At the time, he was probably right.

Seventeen Senate years later, Kennedy is not above using his family's recent history for political advantage. He talks mistily of the early 1950s, when America felt young and optimistic, though wisely eschewing any mention of new frontiers, now that it feels old and grey. Town hands, without his hiding, tend to play selections from 'Camelot' as he goes by.

But Kennedy has spent the 11 years since Bobby's death trying to prove there is more to him than his surname. One driving force, he privately concedes, is to finish his brothers' interrupted work. Another is to prove to their ghosts that he can make it without them.

After the wartime death of the eldest, Joe Jr, Jack and Bobby were always much closer to each other than Ted was to either. Only after President Kennedy's murder did his two younger brothers discover each other. By then, Ted had been in the Senate longer than Bobby, and he took some satisfaction in occasionally pointing this out in public.

Baby brothers remain baby brothers even after all their elders are buried, and the intense competitiveness of the Kennedy's childhood stayed with Teddy long after the competition was gone. Three times he rejected the virtual certainty of the Democratic nomination because he knew it would be their victory, not his.

Now he has seized the gauntlet at the most inau-

spicious of moments. No one since 1856 has unseated an incumbent President of his own party. That, Jack Kennedy might agree, is almost as tough a challenge as becoming the first Roman Catholic President of the United States.

Ted Kennedy has deliberately avoided any dynastic symbols, any echoes of his brothers' campaigns. He refused, despite the urgings of his cronies, to use the dedication last month of the JFK Memorial Library in Boston as the moment to announce his candidacy. When he did announce, not long after, he chose Boston's historical Faneuil Hall rather than the Senate Caucus Room in Washington, used by Bobby in 1968 as a deliberate reminder of Jack eight years before.

He is, at the same time, well aware that American politics have changed since his brothers' beyday. Electoral reforms mean that private money is no longer the price of victory. There will be 38 primary contests in 1980, each affecting the numbers game at August's Democratic Convention, rather than the mere 13 when brother Jack sneaked home in 1960.

More important, Vietnam and Watergate have made the American electorate more cynical, more alert to a politician's shortcomings than his strengths. The inevitability of Ted Kennedy's candidacy for President — the 'divine right factor', as some of his staff call it — is likely to prove more of a con than a pro.

The closing dates for entry to the primaries, and their increased number, forced Kennedy to announce his candidacy much earlier than either of his brothers did. He knew it would prove a handicap, as it already has. The minute his hat was in the ring, he was no longer a tantalizing, mythological figure; he was an ambitious politician with feet of clay. His lead over Carter in the polls halved within a week.

As he granted a multitude of long-refused interviews, all the questions were about Chappaquiddick, about his separated wife, about the copious reports of other women in his life.

He responded badly. When asked a personal question, Kennedy answers in the third person, muttering about someone else whose personality rather puzzles him. He also, to the delight of the press, lapses into ums and ahs, changes the subject hastily, and fails on any topic to produce a syntactical sentence.

As journalists, day after day, gleefully quote transcripts of disastrous TV interviews in their newspapers, Kennedy has come up with an explanation. "I guess it's because I grew up in a large, boisterous family, where there were bantering conversations. People caught the ideas, the sense and the meanings, the humor of the conversations, without giving full explanations."

The bad grammar is being improved. Kennedy's image-makers have been so vituperative that he has been seen, in recent TV interviews, to reach a confident full stop.

In a way, the mockery has helped. When some-

one like John Connally, voted this week America's newspaper editors as his most opponent for the presidency, says something "More people died at Chappaquiddick than at Three Mile Island" ... well, the best answer is a sentence you cannot complete.

Kennedy's strategy is to get his private life the way at this early stage. By offering answers, he will stop people asking the questions and then move on to the issues. The more he knows, is why he has chosen to challenge President whose election he supported years ago.

On Wednesday, he made a start. On Friday, ironically, that Carter began publicly to insult Carter. No more mealy-mouthed refusal to lack of leadership and presidential power. On Wednesday the issue was energy — a question, the issue likely to dominate the campaign, and the Carter energy program was "a scrambling, incompetent ... a trail of broken promises and bewildered purposes."

Kennedy had already dissented from judgment that the American presidency days confronted with problems to which the solution, "I reject those views completely, counsels of defeat and despair, excuses, ship that has failed to do its job." The malaise talked of by Carter, he has said, is American malaise but a presidential malaise.

In time, he will grow more specific on the He will urge energy conservation against development of synthetic fuels, oppose deregulation because it means cold winters poor. He will oppose wage-price control egalitarian grounds, because they boost and increase unemployment. He will risk it of the hawks by opposing the MX missile, modest increase in defense spending "on other than the gold-plated."

He will risk being painted as a free-market liberal at precisely the wrong moment in American history. Not for nothing did Jack Kennedy youngest brother "the most adept politician family." Not for nothing is a well-financed Kennedy movement publicly asking if his Jack would have voted for him.

Above all, the last Kennedy brother with two points about the contemporary American identity. That it needs to dominate Congress Carter has signally failed to do, and can be only by someone with a long record of Capitol Hill (longer and more substantial than either of his brothers). And that it needs surrounded by the brightest and best of a rather than by a bunch of Georgian hacks.

Ted Kennedy will attempt to win the pre-despite his surname, by concentrating on his record and the issues facing America in the His difficulty will be that, because of his own personality seems destined to be the main issue of the 1980 campaign. — (OF)

saudi press review

Newspapers Tuesday mostly led with a report on the complete evacuation of the Holy Haram of the renegade group. They reported the King's concern for the clearance of the Grand Mosque and the success of the security forces in besieging the gang leaders. In a lead story, *Okaz* said Kuwait and Bahrain stood by Saudi Arabia in taking measures to protect the Islamic holy places, while *Al-Medina* led with King Khaled's meetings with the Rulers of Bahrain and Kuwait in Riyadh.

All the papers frontpaged the crash of a Pakistan International Airlines Boeing near Jeddah Monday, in which 142 passengers and 14 crew members were reported to have been killed. They also gave front-page prominence to the King's message of condolence to the Pakistani President on the plane tragedy. Newspapers also highlighted on their first pages King Khaled's meeting in Riyadh Monday with the Rulers of Bahrain and Kuwait to discuss matters of common interest and the latest developments.

Newspapers asked Muslims to be on the alert prominently to confront force with bigger force, and expressed satisfaction with the announcement by the Minister of Information regarding the

rounding up of the renegades inside the Holy Haram.

Al-Riyadh said the minister's announcement has revealed many facts that have appeased the Muslims and gave them an opportunity to understand the real dimensions of the government's wise strategy in dealing with the incident at the Grand Mosque.

The paper mentioned the arrival of the Gulf leaders in the Kingdom to acquaint themselves with the situation, since the Western media have tried to distort the facts. It reaffirmed that the "Gulf family" will ever remain united in encountering the political as well as the wordy battle which has reached its peak after the recent events.

Al-Jazirah asked the Muslims to remain satisfied that Saudi Arabia will stand a strong citadel in the face of evils. It reiterated that cooperation among the Gulf states at all levels was an unwritten constitution of these states, and the meeting of Gulf leaders with the Kingdom's leadership never needed any pre-planning or preparations.

"Saudi Arabia will continue to carry out the message of the eternal faith in Islam despite all the attempts of such renegades and the enemies of Islam to jeopardize

march of Islam," it said.

In an editorial, *Al-Medina* said "the surrender of the deviant gang means an end to the trouble and a triumph of right over wrong." It lauded the manner in which the Saudi Arabian people remained attached to their government as one man.

The paper expressed sympathy and condolences to those who suffered as a result of this incident and also those who lost their relatives in attacks by the heretics. "The mark of injury that this gang has left on the hearts of Muslims will be remembered by the coming generations who will never pardon the perpetrators," it said.

In a reference to the visit of the Rulers of Bahrain and Kuwait to Riyadh, *Al-Bilad* said it reflected the concern of the Gulf about the incident. It added that the Gulf states adopt their stances with a strong sense of common destiny and common issues binding them together in a close relationship. "The unity of the Gulf states will help in strengthening their solidarity for the greater benefit of the Arabs and Muslims," it said.

The paper said with confidence that "relations among the Gulf states provide a fine and unique example in inter-state relations that play an active role in making

political strategies to serve the Arab rights and their crucial issues."

Commenting on the statement

of the Information Minister, *Al-Nadwa* said it has clearly explained the spirit in which the whole incident had been tackled

by the government. Its wise handling of the situation had minimized the losses in life and property.



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All in a day's work

Milking cobras in Thailand

By Geoff Gardner

BANGKOK — Strolling through the small snake pit, the two handlers find the hungry cobras, pick them up casually and once pieces of meat down their throats. Then the seemingly indifferent men select one of the leadly snakes, grasp it by the back of the neck and extract the venom which will later be processed into a life-saving serum.

All this is just another day's work for the workers at Queen Saovabha Memorial Institute, or, as it is commonly known, the Snake Farm. But it is fascinating for those who come to watch.

Why aren't the handlers bitten? Have they been inoculated with serum? Are they afraid? The tourists murmur such questions as they watch the snakes being force-fed or milked by the men working calmly in a pit full of hundreds of

the world's most dangerous snakes.

Uthorn Wangruamklang, who has been an "extractor" at the Snake Farm for ten years, was bitten once, by a pit viper. He was extracting venom from it when the snake bit him on the finger. Fortunately there was serum close at hand but, as he said, "I was very sick for a few days." Bites are rare, though, and the handlers are not afraid. They are not protected by

prior injections of serum. There is little need.

"The snakes are very different here than in the jungle," Wangruamklang says in his heavy Thai accent. It (the snake pit) is a small area and they don't know how to run away. They are slower here. When they bite, they are afraid of people, or they are hurt."

No matter how frightening the snakes may look, and the cobra as it rears up and flares its hood is particularly daunting, they are not aggressive and bite only when provoked. The handlers, to be sure, are more cautious than is apparent to onlookers but snakes at the farm are well fed and content and have generally lost their jungle instincts. Force-feeding is necessary because the snakes would not eat otherwise. In the wild, they are carnivorous but providing live animals is too expensive for the institute.

As a crowd gathers around a 25 by 15 meter walled corral divided into three sections separating the banded kraits, cobras and king cobras, the two handlers walk quietly into the first section. Here, the banded kraits are huddled under small concrete domes, lying in the sun or leisurely swimming in a small moat.

One handler lifts a dome, picks up five or six of them and drapes them over his arm like a bunch of rope. Then, pulling them off one



Extracting venom from a cobra

by one, he holds each by the head while the second man forces open the mouth and pushes a small piece of meat down its throat with a pair of tongs. After feeding, he tosses each krait into the moat.

The handlers then begin milking the snakes. One man squeezes the glands behind the snake's eyes. A clear yellowish liquid falls onto a dish which the second handler holds to collect the precious venom. A tube of animal milk is then inserted into the snake's mouth. Although food is not required after an extraction, the milk is given as a pacifier. Handlers know when a snake is ready for milking by the bulge of the poison-filled glands.

In the second section of the pit are the cobras. They often rise, spread the skin around the head and throat and poise to strike.

They too, are relatively easy to handle because of their docility and because they have no peripheral vision. A handler reaches over the head of one cobra

and grabs it by the back of the neck. Because cobras are more alert than the banded krait, they

about four meters long, a king cobra can hold one meter of its body off the ground.

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are collected and fed separately. The most spectacular of all snakes is the king cobra. Usually

The snakes are indeed dangerous. The precise amount of venom that proves fatal to humans cannot

be determined but an average yield from one snake can kill 50,000 mice or 1,000 rabbits.

The cobra yields the most lethal venom. A human, after being bitten, dies in as short a time as ten hours and rarely survives longer than six. Once the venom of a poisonous snake enters the human circulatory system, only an antivenom serum can neutralize it.

The Snake Farm was established to provide a source of serum. When dried, venom forms yellow crystals which retain their toxicity and solubility in water for two to three years. The serum is processed in horses. Doses of venom are injected into them until they develop an immunity to the poison. The serum is extracted from their blood.

The farm estimates that 70 people were successfully treated with serum from its laboratories last year. The institute has around 30 snakes, collected by farmers who are paid according to the size of the species, and around 300 horses. One hundred of the snakes are cobras.

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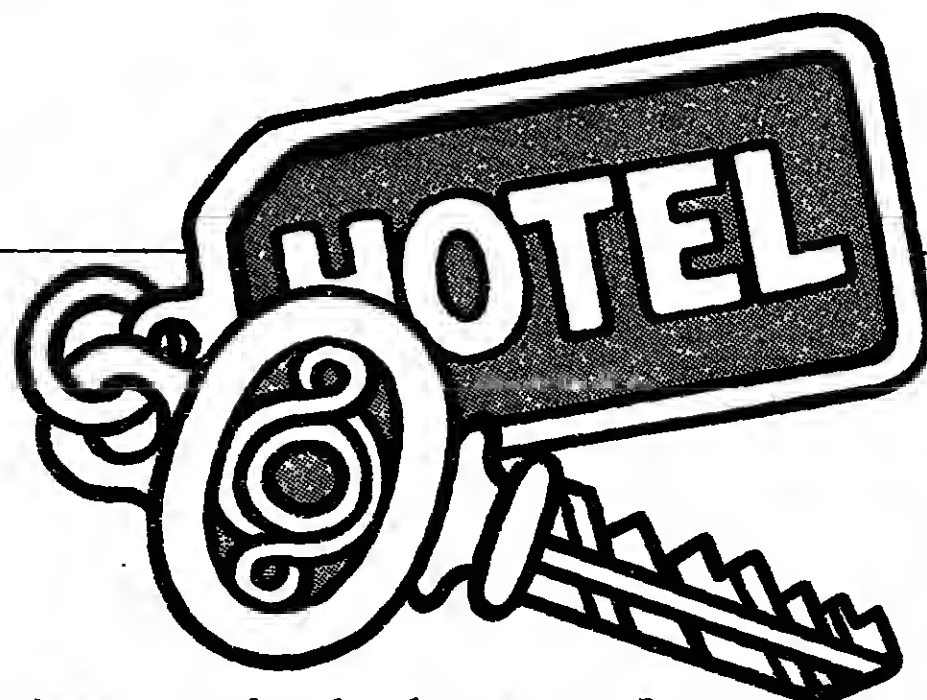
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Thousands of China boat people died on the way to Hong Kong

By Brian Eads

HONG KONG, Nov. 27 (APNS) — Thousands of Chinese 'boat people' have died this year as a result of Peking's nonchalant attitude toward a massive illegal exodus.

Officials say 350 bloated corpses found bobbing in Hong Kong waters, or rotting on the colony's beaches, represent only a tiny fraction of those who've failed in their bid to exchange the austerity of a Chinese commune for the bright lights of Hong Kong.

Sharks, barracudas, tides and the open sea have taken the rest and, if the Thursday night I spent aboard the Royal Navy minesweeper HMS Wasperton was anything to go by, 'thousands' could

well be an understatement.

Dusk was just beginning to darken the horizon when we spotted the tell-tale single 'batwing' sail rising and falling in the swell.

It was a sampan, about 25 feet long. Huddled inside were 57 men and women, most of them young, all shivering with fear and cold — thin cotton Mao-suits and plastic mums offered little protection against the elements.

As they were hustled aboard the Wasperton, they looked remarkably cheerful for people who, after two days on the high seas, had been thwarted almost within sight of their goal.

A few hours later, with a monsoon warning posted, a 40-knot gale raging, and Wasperton itself

forced to take refuge in a cove, it became clear they were the lucky ones.

"If we find anything else tonight," an officer confided, "it'll be wreckage. None of their balsa wood sampans will survive this."

There's no confusion over why these Chinese prearranged had been prepared to risk it. "In Hong Kong we can live a life of luxury without hard work," one explained.

Their lack of enthusiasm for commune life was compounded by typhoon Mac, which in early September devastated their village in Hui Fang County of Guangdong Province.

Hong Kong Television, easily picked up in South China, and the flood of prosperous relatives from the colony, after the easing of entry rules by Peking, has writ large the opportunities that await boat people.

Neither is there great confusion over Hong Kong's response. Up to a point immigration from China is tolerated. There are family ties, a reservoir of sympathy from those who've followed the same route, and a thankfulness among employers and government alike for the periodic restocking of a cheap, undemanding, and decidedly docile labor force.

But with arrivals, legal and illegal, totalling a quarter of a million people over the past eighteen months that point was passed long ago.

The response has been a beefing up of the land and sea forces working to intercept the illegal flow, universally known as IIs (eye-eyes).

Bokassa regime officials in jail in Central Africa

BANGUI, Nov. 27 (AP) — A total of 48 political prisoners, including two former premiers and several ministers of ex-Premier Jean Bedel Bokassa, are being held in jail in Bangui. Interior Minister G. Gbale has said.

They include Ange Putasse, a leading opponent of President David Dacko, who took power from Bokassa in a French-backed coup Sept. 20, and Mrs. Elisabeth Domitien, whom Bokassa named as Africa's first woman premier in January, 1975.

Others arrested during investigations into crimes committed under Bokassa's regime include a

former defense minister, Louis Lakouama, a former interior minister, Jean Robert Zana, and military officers, Gbale said.

Three members of the commission investigating Bokassa's crimes have been removed from the body because they informed political allies of investigations against them or delayed the inquiries, officials said.

Meanwhile, Bokassa is seeking to annul his sale of three French "chateaux" to a businessman shortly after his overthrow.

Bokassa, living in exile in the Ivory Coast, has filed suits in Paris and the Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan against Bernard Tapie, 36,



THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE: 'Billwinkle Moose' and 'Mickey Mouse,' two 60-foot helium-filled balloons, file past movie houses in New York's Times Square Thursday morning during the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Marching between the balloons, in white uniform, is the Elko, Nevada High School Band.

Amnesty asks Indonesia about release of detainees

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP) — Amnesty International has asked Indonesia to confirm it will release by the end of the year all political prisoners who have not yet gone to trial.

The London-based human rights group was acting on reports that as many as 1,500 prisoners, some held for 14 years without trial, would still be detained despite a government pledge to free them.

The request was made Nov. 15 in a meeting here between Amnesty International officials and Indonesian Foreign Minister Moehtar Kusumaatmadja, the organization said in a statement, Monday.

The Indonesian government announced earlier that it would begin releasing prisoners accused of participating in an abortive 1965 Communist coup but never brought to trial.

Some 27,000 prisoners would be affected, Amnesty said.

According to Amnesty, 900 prisoners in central Java would be held past 1979 so they could appear as witnesses in trials; the release of 205 prisoners in Nusakambangan Prison in central Java has been indefinitely postponed; and 600 places are being prepared in Nusakambangan for "hard-core" detainees.

Amnesty said it "fears the 'hard-core' prisoners also include those who refuse to sign a pledge to abstain from political activity, and abandon claims for compensation for wrongful imprisonment or ill treatment."

Indonesia's Defense Department recently said several dozen prisoners classified as "uncooperative" for not answering questions during interrogation would not be freed.

New policy in the balance

Where is Botha heading S. Africa?

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 27. (R) — "There is an Afrikaner proverb that is even older than me," said the wizened white farmer. "You don't squeeze a peach to make it ripe."

Right now the peach is South Africa. Rich in minerals the world craves and blessed with fertile soil that could feed much of Africa, it is being squeezed harder than at any time in its existence.

And the squeezing, ironically, is being done not so much by the outside world which despises all that apartheid South Africa stands for. The really big squeeze is coming from its country's prime minister, Pieter Willem Botha.

"He's turning everything upside-down," said farmer "Oom" Marais, gazing over his prized cattle-ranch that covers half an English county or a Swiss canton. "In two years' time there won't be any color-bar in this country, we'll all be the same."

Marais, nearing 80, is the fourth generation of his family to farm those sprawling lands in the Orange Free State-lands the Dutch-descended pioneers annexed and developed, with the help of abundant cheap black labor, into the breadbasket of South Africa.

"You must give us time," says Marais. "Change takes time."

But Botha, seeking a national policy that will head off black revolution at home and win acceptance abroad, feels he has little time to spare.

In little over 12 months at the helm, he has steered the ruling National Party into what appears to be a 180-degrees about-turn away from perpetual white supremacy in this country of 24 million people where blacks outnumber whites six-to-one.

Skeptics have referred to the Botha line as "the breeze of change."

But even Harry Oppenheimer, head of the giant Anglo-American mining conglomerate and South Africa's biggest businessman, proclaims himself impressed, despite his support for the all-white opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP).

"The National Party, in the sense that I have known it, is crumbling," Oppenheimer said in a recent newspaper interview.

"The government has set off on a path from which there is no turning back. It has awakened great expectations and it will have to meet them."

Swiftly alienating his right wing, Botha has already pledged to consolidate the fragmented black homelands, if necessary by increasing their total 14 per cent allocation of the land mass of South Africa.



Premier Botha

— Bring the colored (mixed race), Indian and perhaps also urban black communities into a new constitutional dispensation giving them a large degree of self-rule;

— Ease conditions for urban blacks by granting them greater security of housing, long leases for some, more job and business opportunities and trade union rights;

— And scrapping so-called petty apartheid laws and practices which degrade and humiliate blacks.

Changes in laws such as those barring marriage across the color-line appear, according to latest reports here, to amount to allowing a white man who marries a black woman to then live in a

black area.

Botha's latest drive is to woo business community into farming, through trade and investment initiatives, his vision of a "co-ordination of states" in southern Africa.

At first sight, this would loose association of black white ruled states, the latter South Africa and, for the being, Namibia, which all benefit from South Africa's largesse and know-how.

But strictly on a free-enter, profit-making basis.

Ultimately production would be rationalized and developed to an economic union from which could evolve some so-called politico-economic confederacy or so the Pretoria government thinking goes.

It was the idea, again which swayed Oppenheimer open support of the National Party government. There was to conceal the dismay opposition PFP which he a company have backed in terms through the years.

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Alleged elephant slaughter prompts probe in Pretoria

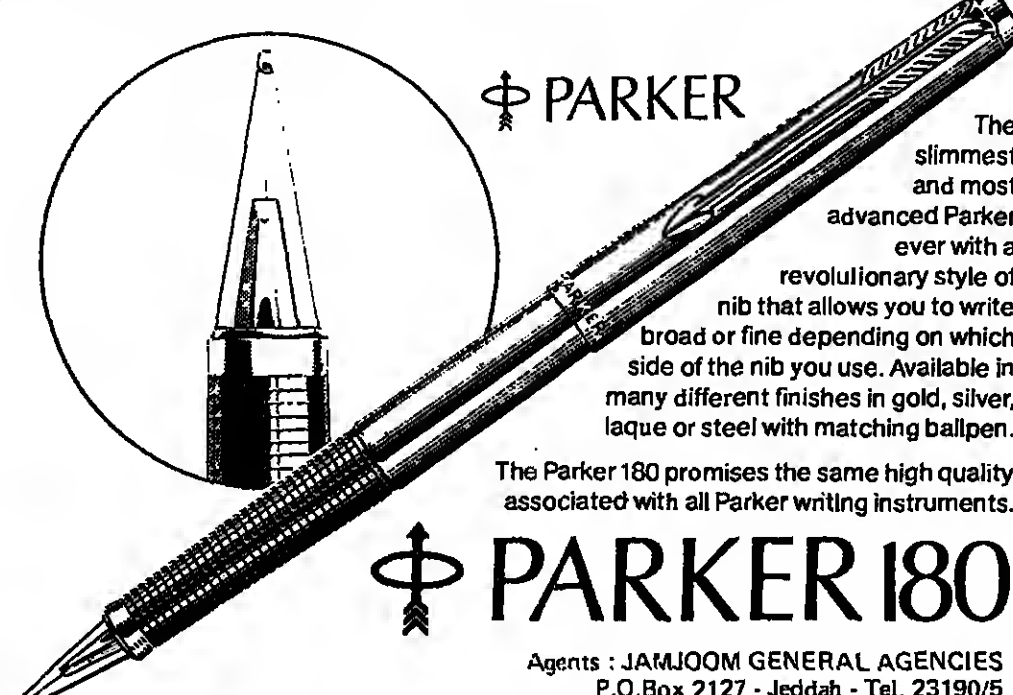
PRETORIA, Nov. 27 (AP) — South African Prime Minister Piet Botha called on the news media Tuesday to give his government any evidence they have on the alleged slaughter of elephants and other game by soldiers firing from helicopters.

The Sunday Times of Johannesburg published story Sunday telling of the massacre of game by helicopter-borne trophy hunters. The story, accompanied by a gruesome photo of an elephant carcass, said a "skinning" squad of

troops using chain saws for the hunters.

The skinning squad had the tusks, legs and tails of elephants, leaving behind taints of red flesh "for the tures," according to the paper based its account interview with Cpl. Rooyen, who said he was the incidents in Namibia.

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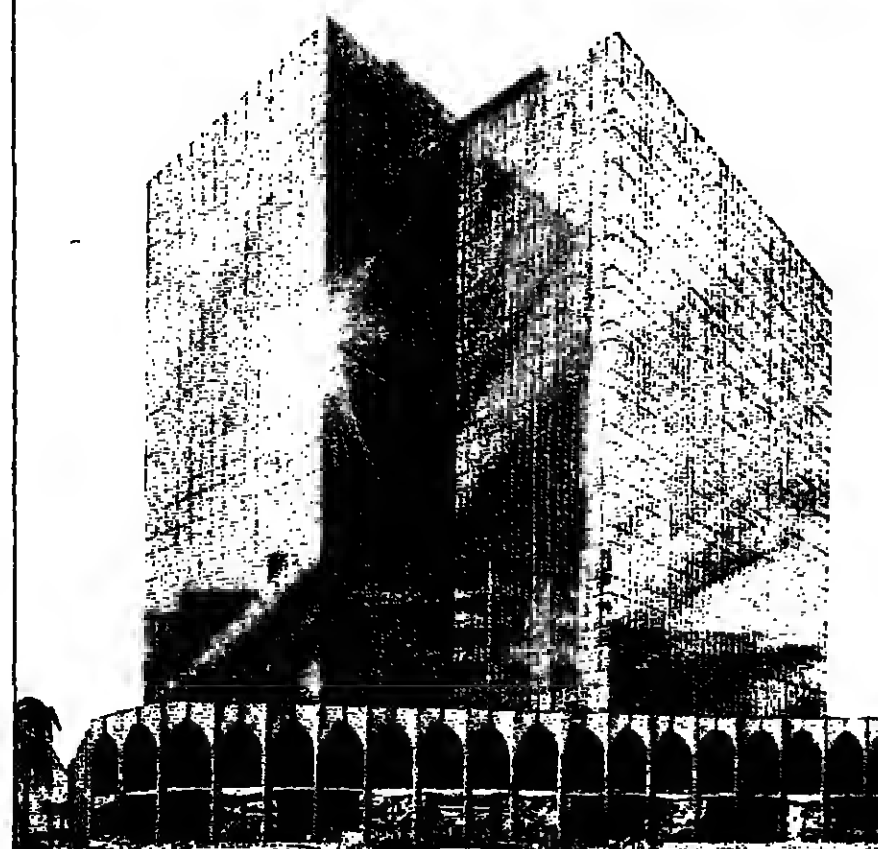
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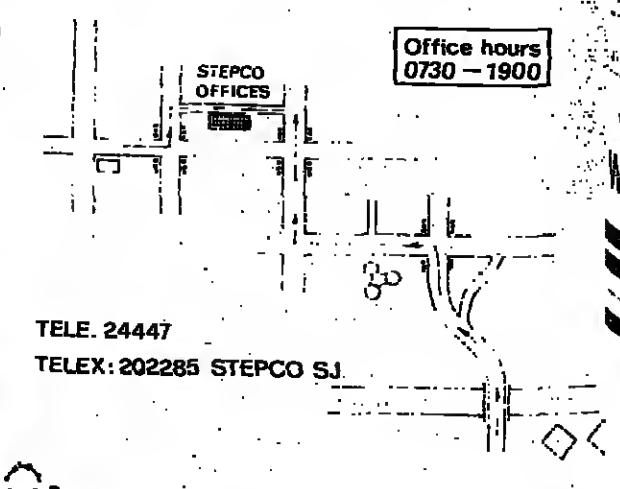
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Relief agencies urge more Cambodian aid

UNITED NATIONS Nov. 27 (AP) — The United Nations Children's Fund and the International Red Cross have issued an urgent appeal for cash contributions to the Cambodian relief program.

Hugh Downs, chairman of UNICEF's U.S. committee, reported Monday that the accelerating pace of Cambodians fleeing across the border into Thailand has increased the need for immediate funds.

As of Nov. 24, UNICEF and the Red Cross had received \$19 million from the governments and the public, had spent \$18 million, and had commitments pending for another \$12 million, the organizations said in a joint statement.

In addition, they said, the joint effort needs another \$34 million for supplies, so that a total of \$45 million will be needed by Dec. 31.

UNICEF and the Red Cross said many pledges have not come through and the organizations are asking that governments fulfill pledges urgently and that the public respond with still more generosity.

Contributions may be sent to UNICEF/Cambodian Relief, 331 E. 38th St., New York, New York, 10016, or any local UNICEF office.

Meanwhile, a French parliamentary delegation returned from Cambodia Tuesday morning saying international aid is being distributed "only drop by drop" as the internal supply system is rebuilt.

They said in a press statement that the aid "seemed to us to be deliberately diverted away from its objectives."

"After four years of abominable trial under the Khmer Rouge regime, we fear that the elimination of the Khmer people is continuing," the statement said.

The seven members of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's Union Pour la Démocratie Française Party said they were "shattered after having seen the Cambodia of fear and hunger."

The group went to Cambodia last Wednesday via Ho Chi Minh City and Monday reached the refugee camps on the Thai border.



MORE AID: Cambodian refugees are cramped in a camp in Thailand that housed 35,000 people last week. Although the condition of the camps has improved recently, the relief agencies are running short of relief aid and Monday urged more cash from governments which have not yet fulfilled commitments of aid.

Over tiny island issue

U.K. on tightrope in Caribbean

LONDON, Nov. 27 (OFNS) — Britain is facing the prospect of another tragedy in the West Indies similar to the affair in 1967 when paratroopers and policemen were flown to the tiny rebel island of Anguilla.

Twelve years ago the 6,500 people of Anguilla revolted against being lumped into the three-island state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and governed from the biggest island in the group, St. Kitts. Anguilla is now independent of St. Kitts and governed by a British commissioner appointed directly by Whitehall.

Today Nevis, population 13,000, also wants to cut its links with big brother in St. Kitts, population 35,000. A storm is brewing up fast because Premier Lee Moore of St. Kitts Nevis wants to transform his country from a British-protected associated state to full independence. The Nevisians have warned they will revolt rather than go to independence with St. Kitts.

Britain is unwilling to force the Nevisians to do anything they do

not want to do for fear of a re-run of the events of 1967.

Temper is flaring as the Nevisians glare from their poor but spectacularly beautiful island — where Horatio Nelson got married across 10 miles of blue sea to the equally beautiful St. Kitts, once known as the Gibraltar of the Caribbean.

Lee Moore has had a series of meetings with British officials in London and is sticking to his argument that St. Kitts and Nevis must go into independence together. Having lost Anguilla 12 years ago, no government on St. Kitts can contemplate the loss of Nevis as well.

Moore argues, anyway, that relations between St. Kitts and Nevis are an internal matter into which Her Majesty's Government in London should not poke its nose.

How Whitehall copes with this mini-crisis is being watched intently in another corner of the Caribbean. Antigua, another associated state like St. Kitts-

Nevis, also wants to move from British tutelage to full independence, but its dependency, the tiny island of Barbuda, population 1,000 is in revolt too.

Brigades slay policeman

ROME, Nov. 27 (AP) — Two armed young terrorists ambushed and fatally shot a police officer in a garage here early Tuesday, agents reported.

The two unmasked assailants led in a waiting car after firing several pistol shots at Omenico Taverna, 58. The shooting took place as Taverna was walking in his apartment house's garage in a Rome suburb.

Taverna's death raised the terrorist death toll in Italy this year to 8, 13 of them policemen.

A few hours after the attack an

anonymous caller telephoned a Rome paper and said the slaying was the work of the Red Brigades, the urban guerrilla gang that kidnapped and killed former Premier Aldo Moro last year.

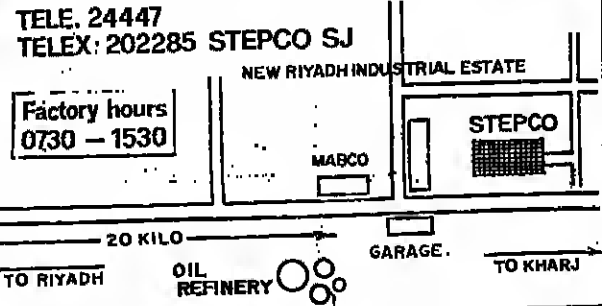
The caller told the paper *Vita Sera*, "This is the Red Brigades. We have fulfilled an act of proletarian justice. We have hit executioner Taverna."

Taverna had no special role in anti-terrorist investigations, officials said.

Taverna was the fourth policeman killed by the guerrillas this month.

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Algae fertilizer may boost production of rice in India

NEW DELHI, Nov. 27 (OFNS) — A scum that forms in stagnant water may turn India into a net exporter of rice within years and contribute to the world assault on famine.

Blue-green algae, and their ability to 'fix' nitrogen in the soil, are being exploited to reduce the enormous quantities of artificial fertilizer needed for the country's rising rice production.

High-yield varieties, promising as they are, normally require so much nitrogen that incentives for the small farmer to sow them are diminishing.

Now, after more than 10 years of trials, the Indian Institute for Agricultural Research is pushing ahead with its program to make the algae available to every farmer.

Plans to develop 40 million

acres for high-yield rice would normally need almost two million tons of nitrogen, as much as the country's total annual production, and far more than could be spared from other requirements.

Without the use of algae, therefore, this target could be met only by expensive imports of artificial fertilizer.

Possibly the cost of the chemical might not deter prosperous farmers, but 87 per cent of India's rice farmers have paddy fields of less than 10 acres, and some own less than 2.5 acres. If they are to be encouraged, the cost of fertilizer must be kept to a minimum.

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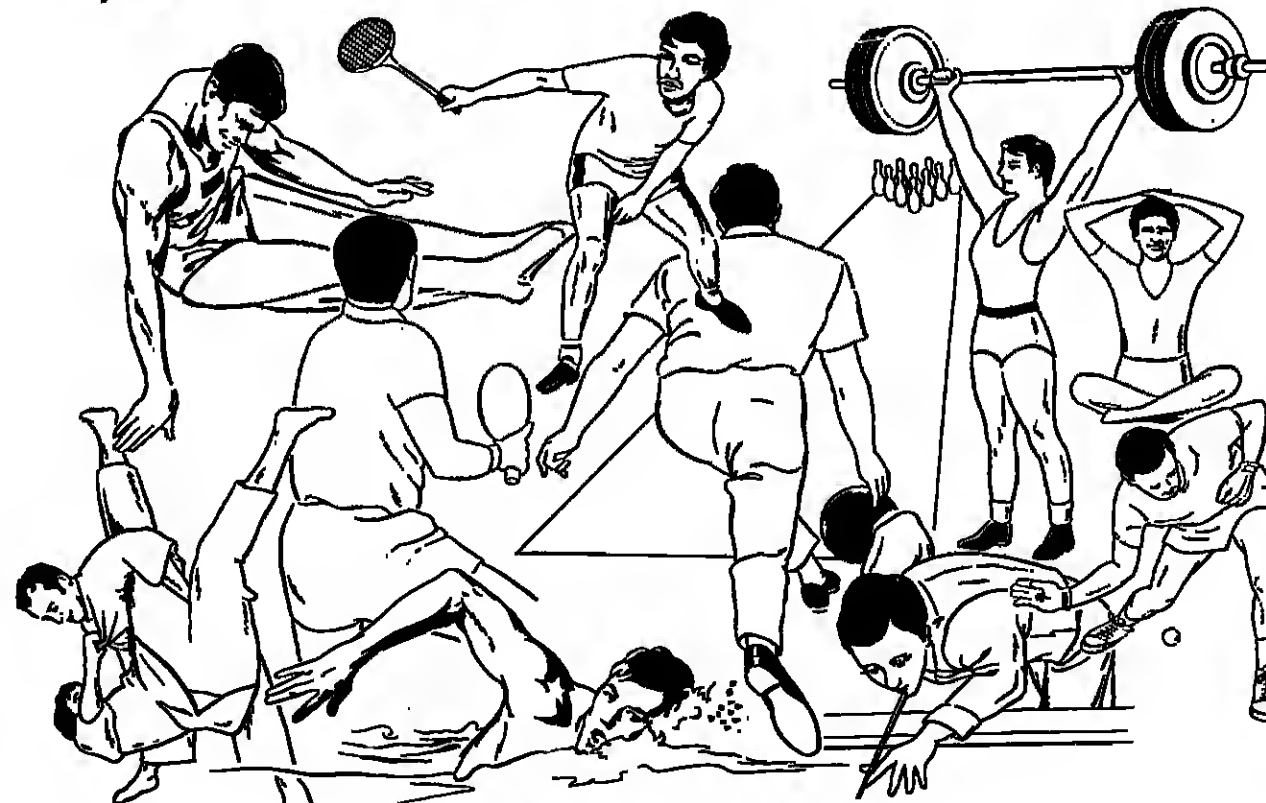
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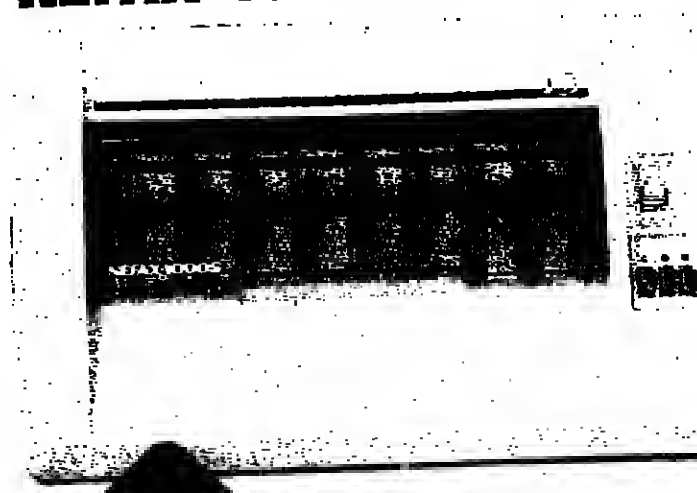
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But gas price hikes slow U.S. consumer prices rise by 1% in October

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP) — Gasoline and fuel oil price increases slowed substantially in October, but overall consumer prices in the United States still climbed 1 per cent over the previous month, the government reported Tuesday.

The advance in the cost of living last month was led by a sharp jump in housing costs, including higher

U.S. banks cut prime to 15.5%

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (AP) — Some major American banks reduced their prime lending rates Monday to 15.5 per cent, responding to lower costs for acquiring funds and to cooling of demand by businesses for loans.

Bankers Trust Co. of New York, the eighth-largest American bank ranked by deposits, reduced its basic lending rate from a record 15.75 per cent. It was the first reduction of the prime since the key rate began rising sharply last August.

No. 11 Wells Fargo Bank, based in San Francisco, quickly joined in the quarter-point reduction, as did several smaller regional banks.

Banking industry analysts said they expected other major banks to lower their prime rates.

Bankers Trust Chairman Alfred Brittain said the reduction "reflects a decline in our own cost of funds."

"Based on the slowing forces at work within the U.S. economy, we believe that money market rates have now peaked," Brittain said.

mortgage interest rates, home prices and rents, according to the Labor Department.

Food prices, which had been level through the summer, rose 0.7 per cent in October, just under the 0.9 per cent increase of September.

The October increase marked the 10th consecutive month in which the consumer price index has risen about 1 per cent.

Patrick Jackman, a Labor Department economist, termed it "the same abysmal level we've had, more or less, since the start of the year."

He cautioned that although energy price increases have slowed down, "I wouldn't forecast that this would be the situation in the coming months ... I don't think anyone expects stability in those prices in the next year or so."

In a related report, the department said retail gasoline prices averaged slightly more than \$1 per gallon in October. "This price reflected a small monthly change of only 0.8 cents compared to the August and September increases of 3.7 cents and 3.1 cents, respectively," the report said.

Inflation also is taking its toll on workers' income, the department said. Average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, declined 1.1 per cent in October and were 5.2 per cent lower than in October 1978.

Jackman said that if price increases continue in the next two months at the same rate they did the first 10 months this year, the worst since price controls were removed after World War II.

As full member

Philippines joins GATT

GENEVA, Nov. 27 (AP) — The Philippines Tuesday formally signed an agreement to become the 85th full member state of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade next Jan. 1.

Full membership in the GATT means that the Philippines will benefit permanently from all tariff concessions that have been negotiated by the member states since the creation of GATT in 1948.

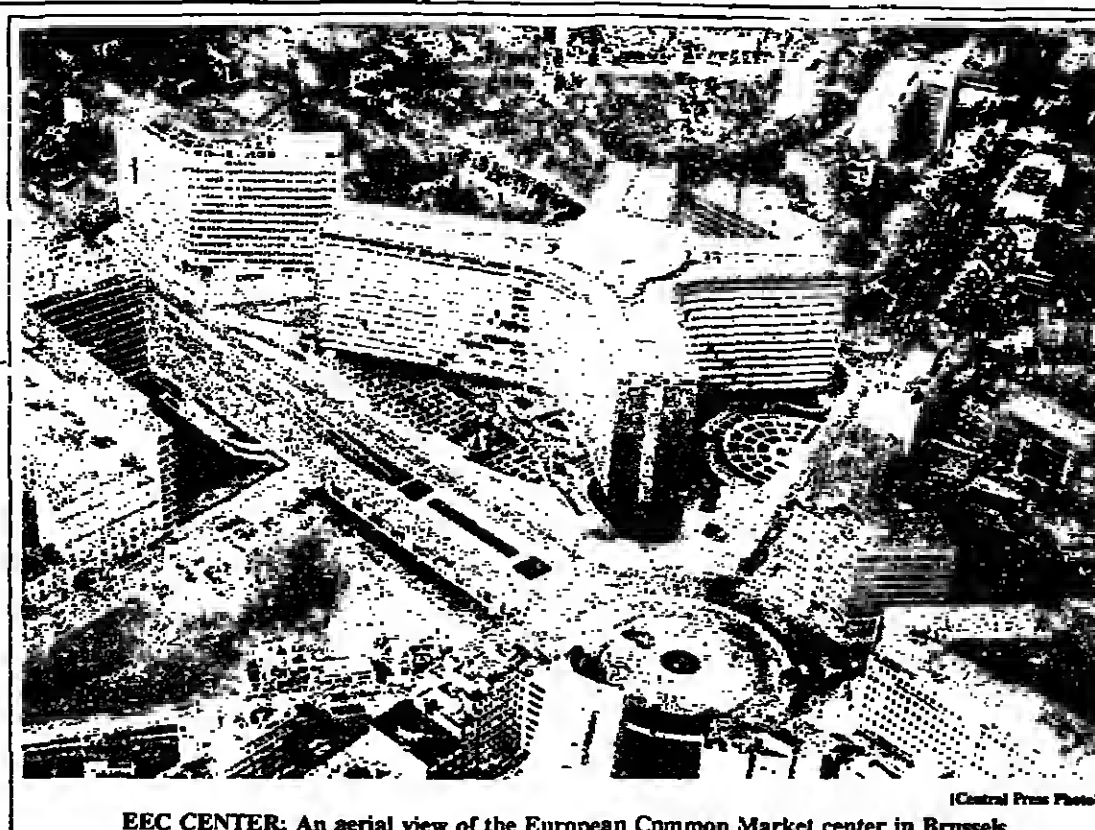
The Philippines became a provisional GATT member in August 1973 and has been applying GATT rules on a provisional basis ever since increasing exports from \$2.3 billion in 1975 to \$3.8 billion last year.

The GATT countries together account for 85 per cent of world

trade and absorbed 82 per cent of the Philippines foreign trade in 1977. They include all industrialized states, six socialist countries and 56 Third World states.

The Philippines also took part in the Tokyo Round World Trade Reform Talks for lowering non-tariff barriers and international rules to control the use of protectionist barriers. Held under GATT auspices the talks ended last April.

The organization has also cleared the way for accepting two other provisional members, Mexico and Colombia, as full members. Their accession would increase total membership to 87 states, two-thirds of them developing countries.



EEC CENTER: An aerial view of the European Common Market center in Brussels.

Prompting long lines at stations

Brazil raises gas price by 58%

BRASILIA, Nov. 27 (AP) — Motorists waited angrily in long lines at gas stations throughout Brazil over the weekend, filling their tanks before a government-imposed 58 per cent gasoline price hike took effect on Monday.

The National Petroleum Council, which evaluates oil prices throughout this giant South American nation, announced the

price hike Friday night. The increases raised the cost of regular gas from the equivalent of about \$1.69 a gallon to about \$2.67 a gallon and premium gas from \$2.54 to \$4.02 a gallon.

The cost of kerosene also increased, from about \$1.10 to \$1.76 a gallon. The cost of diesel fuel was raised 38 per cent, from about \$1.02 to \$1.42 a gallon.

Rumors of the price hike spread throughout Brazil's major cities during the day Friday and police stood by to prevent fights as long lines formed at gas stations. There were reports of arguments at some stations and a group of men broke windows and smashed pumps at a station in Rio de Janeiro, east of Brasilia, Brazil's modernistic inland capital.

Gas stations were closed as usual on Sunday, but some station owners warned there could be supply shortages when business resumed Monday morning.

Observers said the price increase on oil products was another in a series of attempts by the military-backed government of President Joao Figueiredo to limit gas consumption as a means of cutting the nation's heavy dependence on oil imports.

"It doesn't matter if there's agreement or disagreement," Figueiredo said Saturday during a visit to Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city and industrial center. "These are measures the country had to take."

The new gas prices came as Brazil's Planning Minister Antonio Delfim Neto was visiting Arab oil-producing states, seeking assurances of a continuing supply of crude oil.

Market continues rally

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 — The market continued Friday's rally Monday moving substantially higher throughout the day in possible reaction to the long awaited peak in interest rates as Bankers Trust, along with other banks lowered the prime rate to 15 1/2 per cent from 15 3/4 per cent. At the Bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 16.98 to 828.75. Transports gained 5.21 to 248.88, and utilities rose 1.79 to 106.73. Volume of trading was active at 48.1 million shares.

Breadth was on the positive side as advances led declines 1453 to 249 and 247 issues unchanged. The American Exchange Index gained 4.27 on the day to 227.41.

Across the board issues were substantially positive. In the growth and glamour sector Abbott Labs rose 2 to 41 1/2, Merck gained 2 1/2 to 73 1/2, Smithkline up 1 1/2 to 59 1/2, Humana up 2 1/2 to 37 1/2, Burroughs gained 3 1/2 to 80 1/2, Digital Equipment rose 3 to 69 1/2, Honeywell up 3 to 80, IBM gained 2 1/2 to 64 1/2, Xerox rose 3 1/2 to 62, Texas Ins up 1 1/2 to 93 1/2.

Polaroid advanced 2 1/2 to 26 1/2, Hemen Packard up 2 1/2 to 62 1/2, Coca Cola rose 1 1/2 to 33 1/2, Procter and Gamble up 1 1/2 to 71 1/2, and American Broadcasting added 1 1/2 to 39 1/2.

Energy issues continue to show strength with Freeport Minerals up 1 1/2 to 49 1/2, Mesa gained 1 1/2 to 53 1/2, Standard Oil of Ohio lost 1 1/2 to 84 1/2, Halliburton gained 1 1/2 to 80 1/2, Hughes and Hall rose 1 1/2 to 53 1/2, Santa Fe lost 1 1/2 to 35 1/2, Schlumberger fell 4 to 100 1/2, Transcan up 1 1/2 to 43 1/2, U.S. Energy Resources rose 1 1/2 to 63 1/2, and Murphy Oil climbed 1 1/2 to 88 1/2.

In the basic industry sector, Republic Steel lost 1/2 to 24 1/2, Dow up 1 1/2 to 32, Moctiano rose 2 to 39 1/2, U.S. Carbide gained 1 1/2 to 40 1/2, T.T. Howard up 1 1/2 to 41 1/2, and Financial Federation up 1 1/2 to 31.

Auto and machinery issues were higher with GM up 1 1/2 to 32 1/2, Caterpillar rose 1 1/2 to 54 1/2, and Deere up 1 1/2 to 37 1/2.

Gumming stocks were on the winning side with Bally up 1 to 34 1/2, Cokes world gained 1 to 17 1/2, Hilton Hotels rose 1 1/2 to 30 1/2, and Resorts last advanced 1 1/2 to 27 1/2.

Aerospace, defense and railroads climbed higher with Boeing gained 1 1/2 to 46 1/2, Northrop rose 2 to 40, Northwest up 1 1/2 to 28 1/2, UAL rose 2 to 21, Burlington Northern advanced 2 to 58 1/2, and Union Pacific added 1 1/2 to 88 1/2.

Electrical equipment and metals advanced with GE up 1 1/2 to 47 1/2, Westinghouse rose 1 1/2 to 18 1/2, Reynolds Metals gained 1 1/2 to 39 1/2, Alcoa climbed 1 1/2 to 31 1/2, Philip Dodge up 1 1/2 to 26 1/2, and St. Joe Minerals gained 1 1/2 to 32 1/2.

Precious metals lost their luster with ASA off 1/2 to 28, Comptech Red Lake fell 1/2 to 21 1/2, and Homestake dropped 1/2 to 34 1/2 on the price of gold on the Toronto exchange closed at \$392.50.

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French F (100)	82.00	82.65	82.65
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.00	41.40
Lebanese Lira (100)		99.00	98.50
Syrian Lira (100)		88.25	86.90
Egyptian Pound		4.58	4.62
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.13	12.13
Jordanian Dinar		11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)		98.50	99.70
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	90.80
Bahraini Dinar		9.00	8.94
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Bergland says U.S., Egypt, Israel to irrigate Sinai

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (Agencies) — The United States, Egypt and Israel plan to cooperate on a project to irrigate large parts of the Sinai desert. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland has said.

Bergland, just back from a trip to the Middle East and Europe, told a press conference Monday that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had expressed strong interest in the project.

The proposal calls for the use of water from the River Nile to irrigate major parts of the Egyptian desert so that fruit and vegetables can be grown, he said.

"I have no doubt this project will go ahead. It might take two years, perhaps, for the products to flow to market. But President Sadat needs more food for his people," Bergland said.

The United States would provide engineering and technical assistance while Israel would supply irrigation technology, he said.

Money for the project, which could cost several billion dollars, would come mainly from private industry, he said.



Bob Bergland

The first formal agreement on the venture could be reached in March, when Egypt and Israel were due to exchange diplomats, Bergland said.

U.S. scientists were already testing the desert soil to see if it was suitable for various crops.

As it stands, Egypt's Nile River would be the primary source of irrigation water but there is some

potential — still to be determined — of using underground sources. Bergland said he had no estimate of how much land might be reclaimed by the project. Crops would be mostly fruit and vegetables, he said.

"The region could be made to look like the San Joaquin Valley of California," Bergland said. "There is no physical reason it can't be done."

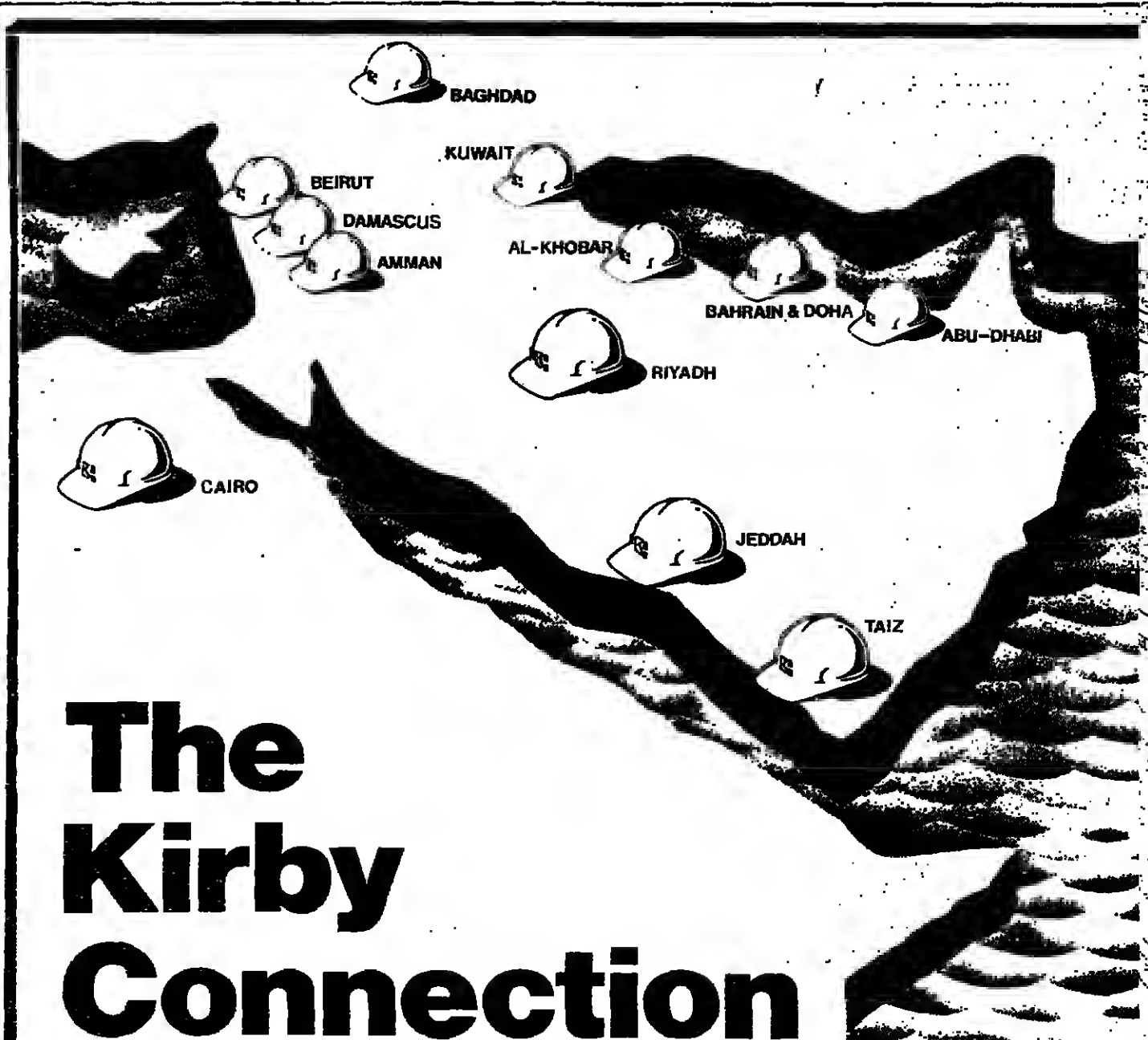
Iran oil output 10 per cent down since U.S. ban

TEHRAN, Nov. 27 (AP) — Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Mojtahed has announced the production declined ten per cent since the United States banned importation of Iranian oil weeks ago.

Some of the oil that used to be sold to the United States is being sold on the spot market at higher prices. Mojtahed told official news agency Pars that Iran formerly sold about 2 cent of its production to the United States.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

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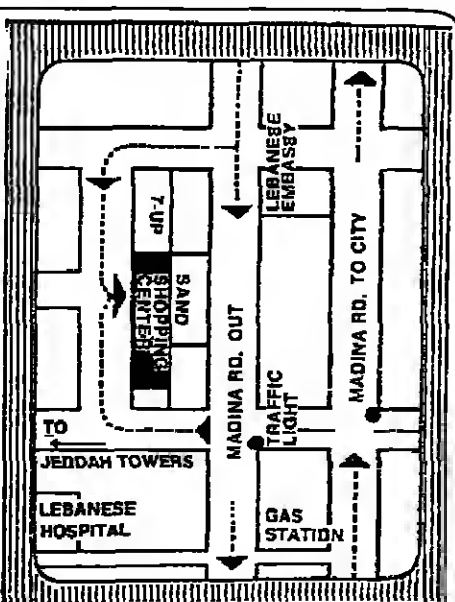
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Peking welcomes return to competing in Olympics

PEKING, Nov. 27 (R)—China Tuesday welcomed its re-admission to the Olympic movement saying that athletes from Peking and Taipei could now both take part in the 1980 games at Lake Placid, New York, and Moscow.

The results of a postal ballot among members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) which granted recognition to the Peking-based Chinese Olympic Committee, were published on the front pages of all Peking newspapers Tuesday.

IOC members voted to restore the People's Republic to membership after a break of 21 years.

The sporting organization in Taipei will now be called the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee. Taiwanese athletes will not be able to use the island's flag and national anthem at future games.

A Chinese Olympic Committee official was quoted by the New China News Agency as saying that the vote meant that athletes from both the mainland and the island could take part in the games.

He went on to propose sports exchanges across the Taiwan Strait, including a swap of coaches

"so as to make common progress in pre-Olympic training."

"We will give a cordial welcome to sports representatives from Taiwan to Peking and assure them freedom of entry and departure."

"We will also send our representatives to Taiwan. We hope the Taiwan authorities will give priority to the honor of the nation as a whole, and facilitate such sports exchanges."

The agency said in another report from Lausanne, Switzerland, where the result of the ballot was announced, that the vote "has finally solved" the problem of Chinese representation.

"Observers in Lausanne held that with the participation of the sportsmen from the People's Republic of China, a country with a population of about one billion, in future Olympic games, the Olympic movement will grow stronger and become more representative."

Peking crowned a four-year campaign for the right to take part in the games for the first time under the Communist flag with a decisive victory in a postal ballot.

The resolution calling for accep-

lance of Peking's membership was approved by 62 IOC members with 17 against.

The resolution effectively grants membership to two Chinese groups, but the National Olympic Committee based on Taiwan must amend its constitution by January 1, 1980, to remain in the world body.

It must also change its anthem, flag and emblem, to the satisfaction of the IOC, to make clear that it represents only the island of Taiwan, and end any claim to control the whole of China as it has done under the Nationalist Chinese flag despite its retreat to the island after the Communist victory ended the Civil War in 1949.

IOC vice-president Muhammad Mzali of Tunisia, announced the result of the postal ballot at a press conference here, saying the Peking membership came into effect immediately. He personally did not think Taipei would take further legal steps against the decision.

The decision allows organizers of the Winter Games to send a formal invitation to Peking this week, and it is expected that some speed-skaters and possibly an ice-hockey team will compete under the Red flag there in February.

China is a member of 13 of the international federations which control sports on the program of the Summer Games in Moscow next July.



ATTACK: Eric Gerets (center) of Belgium stops an attack by Scotland forward Asa Hartford (left, number 10) during a European Nations' Cup game in Brussels last week. Belgium went on to win 2-0.

Freedom of some speech Olympic journalists given caution

MOSCOW, Nov. 27 (AP)—The head of Soviet radio and television has promised every assistance to foreign broadcasters covering the Moscow Olympics, but he expressed hope that they will concentrate on the games.

Foreign broadcasters attending the start of a seminar on Olympic broadcasting quoted Sergei Lapin, the Soviet Union's top broadcasting executive, Monday as predict-

ing reporters will have time to cover only "sports, not politics."

Lapin said reporters will be welcome to interview Muscovites on Olympic topics, but predicted that citizens would not want to be interviewed on such topics as "China or Iran."

"Those journalists (who seek political interviews) are in for many unpleasant surprises," reporters at the seminar quoted

Lapin as saying. "Our people are well educated and they know not only what to answer to such questions, but also when and when not to answer."

Promising full cooperation with foreign broadcasters, Lapin noted that there was no need to fear strikes by Soviet technicians. Strikes have happened in other countries during major sports events.

Seahawks beat Jets for third straight win

SEATTLE, Washington, Nov. 27 (AP)—Quarterback Jim Zorn led the Seattle Seahawks to their third straight victory and fifth triumph in six weeks Monday night by completing 25 of 32 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns in a 30-7 National Football League romp over the New York Jets.

Alabama, idle last week, meanwhile remained on top of the Associated Press American College Football Poll, but high-scoring Southern California has edged past Rose Bowl foe Ohio State for the Number two spot.

Alabama, which concludes its regular season against Auburn on Saturday, received 34 of 62 first-place votes and 1,193 of a possible 1,240 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, who voted the exact same 20 teams into this week's poll as last week.

Southern Cal, which clinched a Rose Bowl berth by whipping arch-rival UCLA 49-14 to wind up its regular schedule, with a 10-0-1 record, received 12 first-place votes and jumped from fourth to second place with 1,142 points in the results oest-to-last poll of the regular season.

That was one point more than Ohio State, which was idle last week and dropped to third place with 13 number one votes and 1,141 points.

Florida State, 11-0 and bound for the Orange Bowl, continued its season-long climb, moving up

from fifth to fourth with 963 points on the strength of its 27-1 victory over Florida.

Oklahoma, Florida State Orange Bowl foe, jumped from eighth to fifth with one first-place vote and 963 points, thanks to a victory over Nebraska.

Texas is sixth in this week's poll followed by Nebraska, Arkansas, Brigham Young and Houston. Unbeaten Brigham Young, which walloped San Diego State 63-10 Saturday, received one first-place vote, while the remaining non-conference one ballot was split among Texas, Arkansas and Houston.

Snail overdose kills champion

NANCY, France, Nov. 27 (AP)—Champion snail-eater Ma Quinquandoo, aged 27, has died of indigestion after eating a dozen snails in three minutes, to seconds.

Hospital officials said Ma Quinquandoo fell ill early Sunday after his feat and died that afternoon in Nancy hospital. He complained of a fried that he was not feeling on form. Last July, an Olympics of the Absurd in native eastern France, the bulldozer driver ate 12 dozen snails, 11 minutes, 30 seconds for which he was claimed a world record; his goal for 1980 was to eat 200 snails in 15 minutes, but officials said he had been trying to restrain consumption out of fear for health.

McEnroe trounces Vilas as Milan tennis opens

MILAN, Nov. 27 (AP)—John McEnroe made short work of Argentina's Guillermo Vilas on the opening day of a Masters tennis tournament here Monday.

Other U.S. victories in the eight-player competition were scored by Peter Fleming against fellow-countryman Roscoe Tanner, and by Vitas Gerulaitis, who downed Italy's Corrado Barazzutti.

Vilas, tired from a long flight from Buenos Aires, where he won the Argentine open, was easy prey for the 21-year-old McEnroe. It was McEnroe's third victory in seven matches against Vilas.

In a rehearsal for next month's Davis Cup finals, Gerulaitis defeated Italy's number one ace 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 in one hour and 17 minutes.

Fleming, a doubles specialist, won a battle of powerful serves and volleys against Tanner 6-4, 6-3.

In the last match of the day, Bjorn Borg defeated home idol Adriano Panatta 6-1, 7-6 in an hour and 15 minutes.

Borg tied Fleming with two points in Group A standings.

The Sweden broke Panatta's serve twice in the first set. In the second, both players lost serve

once and were tied 6-6. In the tiebreaker, Borg fired a series of passing shots for a 7-2 win.

It was Borg's 15th triumph in 23 matches with Panatta.

In Melbourne, top-ranked Australian junior, Sue Leo, scored a major upset in the Toyota tennis classic Tuesday, when she beat the injured fifth seed Kerry Reid in three sets.

Mrs. Reid, whose right arm was heavily bandaged because of a strained tendon, fell to the junior 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

Mrs. Reid was lucky to play in Tuesday's first round as she was being treated with ultra-sound on her elbow, injured in a tournament in Stuttgart recently.

"I tried to hang in there, but I just could not do it," Mrs. Reid said.

Miss Leo repeatedly broke through the top-ranked Australian's service and admitted that her second set lapse was due to a loss of concentration.

Miss Leo, ranked third in the world among juniors, marks Tuesday's win as her best performance ever.

Earlier in the day, South African Rosalyn Fairbank, American Betty Ann Stuart and American Renee Blount won through to the second round.

U.S. sports funding Slicing the Olympic pie

By John Jeansonne

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27 — "We don't print our own money here," the United States Olympic Committee's Larry McCollum explains. So McCollum, assistant to USOC Director of Operations Jerry Lane, has the job of coordinating which amateur sport of the 38 under the USOC umbrella gets what percentage of the Olympic money pie.

The USOC is a federally chartered, non-profit organization. It submits annual and quadrennial audits to the House Judiciary Committee which are public information. But in the middle of accounting and the USOC's not-quite-clear formulas for dispensing funds, there never is an exact explanation, of why, for instance, team handball had the third-highest infusion of money during the last four years from one Olympics to another, behind only men's track and field and swimming.

Here are the factors involving in such dispensing of funds, as determined by the USOC.

Team handball is an Underdeveloped Sport, at the bottom of three levels of development under Developed Sports and Emerging Sports. An Underdeveloped Sport is defined by the USOC as "those with little public awareness, limited number of athletes, and virtually no programs in schools and colleges."

A 15-member panel, the Committee on Development, arrives at the percentage of money granted each sport, based on the aforementioned Developed-Emerging-Underdeveloped thesis.

Underdeveloped Sports are in line for more help from the USOC, simply because they need aid for development. But this depends on whether the formula becomes clouded by the USOC's "two-fold effort: developing 'grass-roots' programs, and helping athletes 'polish their skills.'" "The polishing part, then, could and often does touch athletes in Developed Sports. The way McCollum puts it is that Underdeveloped Sports "get more consideration, but not necessarily more money."

In fact, the two sports best supported financially by the USOC during the last quadrennium, track and field and swimming, are both considered Developed Sports. Which is to say, "those followed widely by the sports public, sports and broadcasters, with a large pool of world-class athletes and well-developed programs within our nation's schools, colleges and clubs."

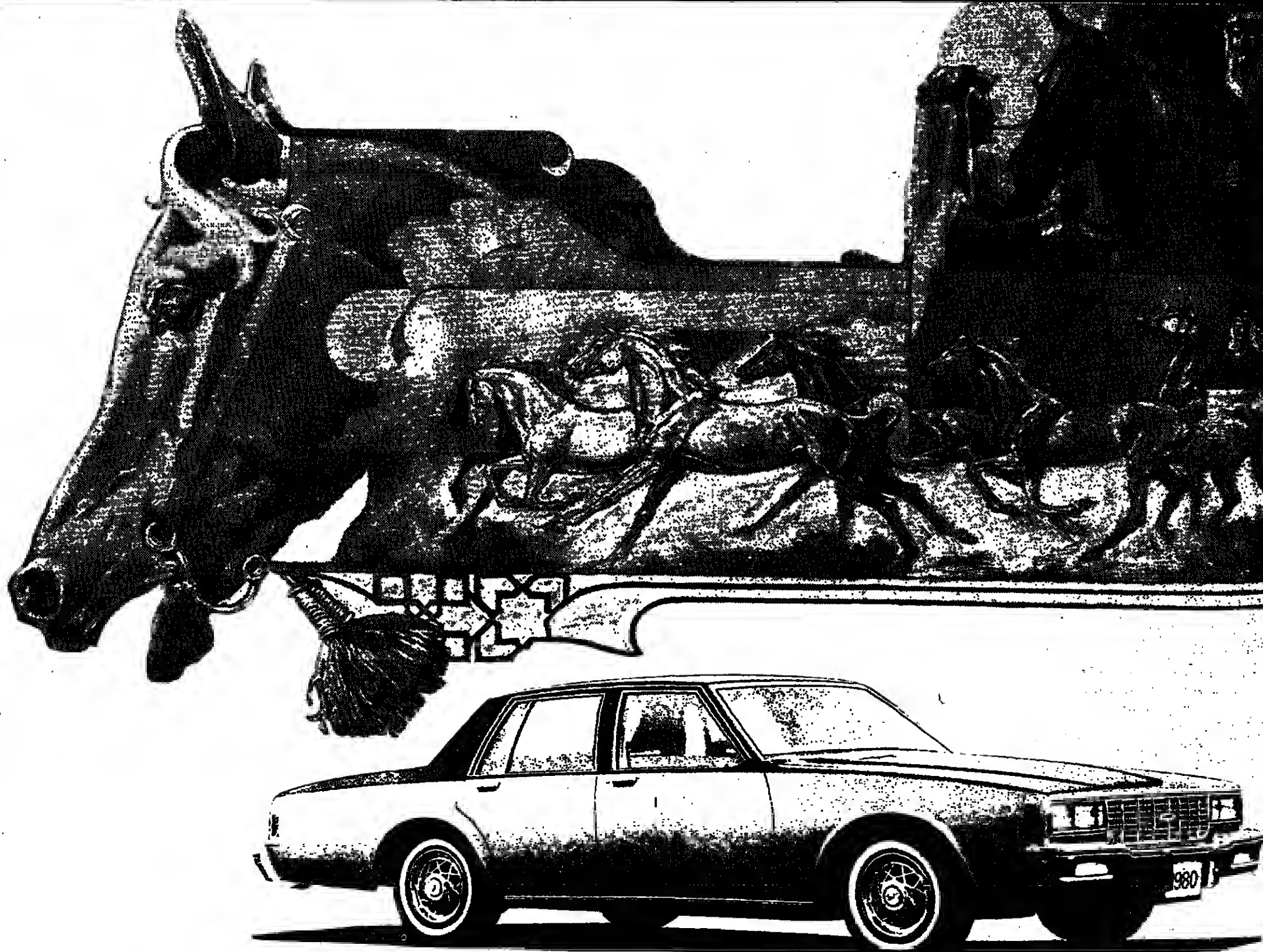
To pump financial life into all its sports, the USOC has \$9.2 million of its \$26 million budget available for the period leading up to the 1980 Olympics. And even though there are many generous contributors, mostly corporations, no one sport becomes richer until the USOC gives its approval. Toyota's ceremonial donation of \$1 million in 1977, saying it was "to train American athletes for the 1980 Games," is somewhat misleading. The money went directly to the USOC's general fund, from there to be used as the USOC sees fit.

"Our executive board discerns the method for how that money, or any money, will be used," USOC executive director Don Miller says. "The executive board approved the \$9.2 million to the governing bodies, for instance, we do not receive any money or with strings attached. That means that those monies given are not expended on a particular sport; they cannot be earmarked for a particular sport or a particular purpose."

For instance, if a concerned and rich fan of shooting, seeing that sport received only \$182 during the last four years, donated money which he hoped would bolster shooting, he would have no guarantee that the money would not end up in USOC office supplies or telephone expenses.

Donations, of course, are the primary source of the USOC's income. Of the \$26 million budgeted for this quadrennium, \$17 million has already been generated by corporate donations; not to mention millions more in services and products. Additional corporate donations, private donations and souvenir sales will provide the rest of the money. (LAT)

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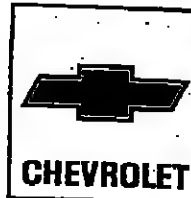
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The sacking of a U.S. Embassy

On Wednesday, Nov. 21 a mob marched on the American Embassy in Islamabad and burned the compound to the ground. Two Americans were among those killed and President Carter ordered an immediate evacuation of all non-essential personnel. The British Council in Rawalpindi and the U.S. information centers in Rawalpindi and Lahore were also severely damaged.



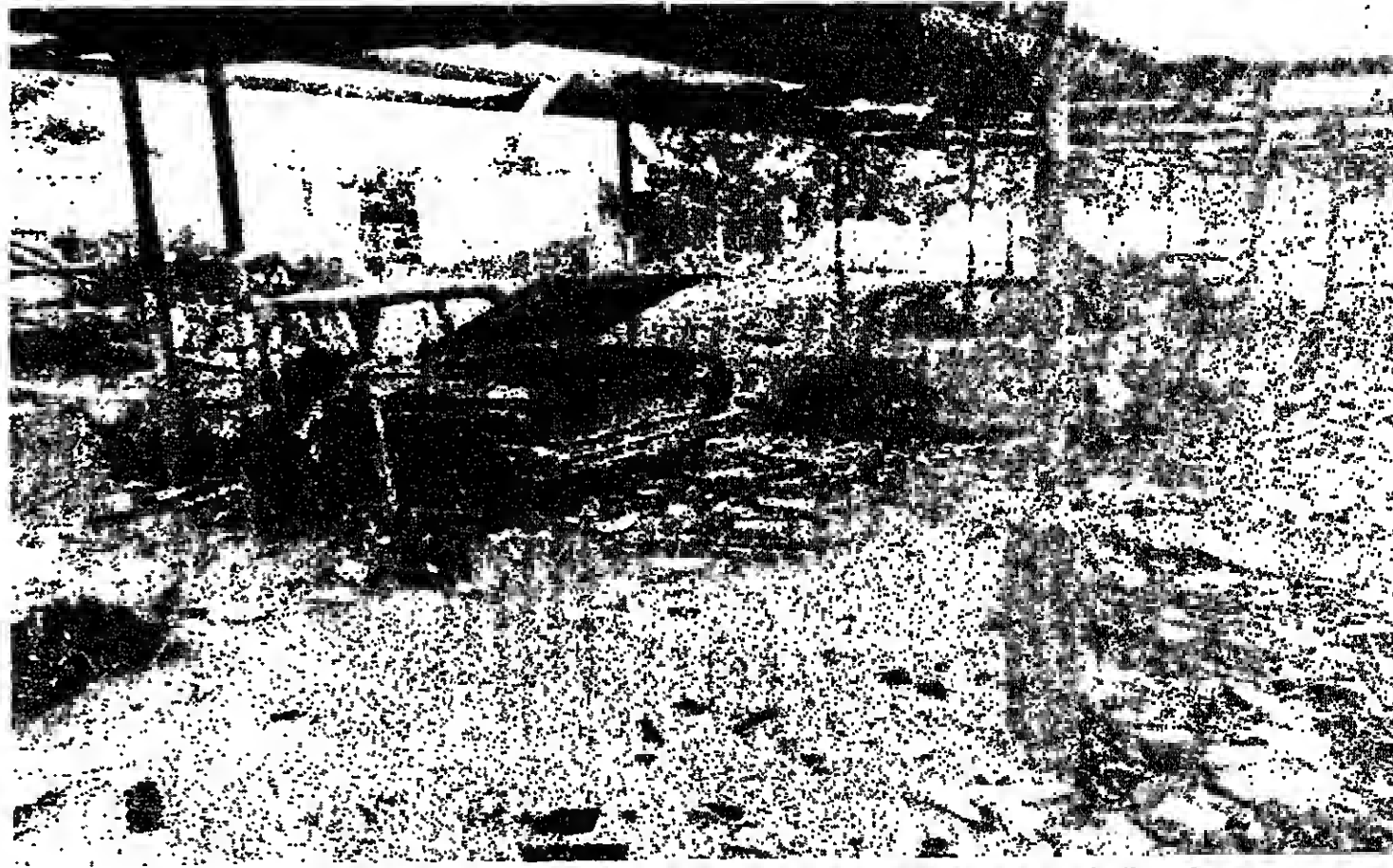
Brian Ellis, 29, a U.S. Army chief warrant officer, was killed in the attack. His wife, Brenda, and six-year-old son were among those flown home.



Cpl. Steven Crowley, 20, one of the embassy's Marine guards, was killed by gunfire as he stood on the roof of the chancery.



An old man sits on what is left of the main wall of the embassy. The main building is in the background.

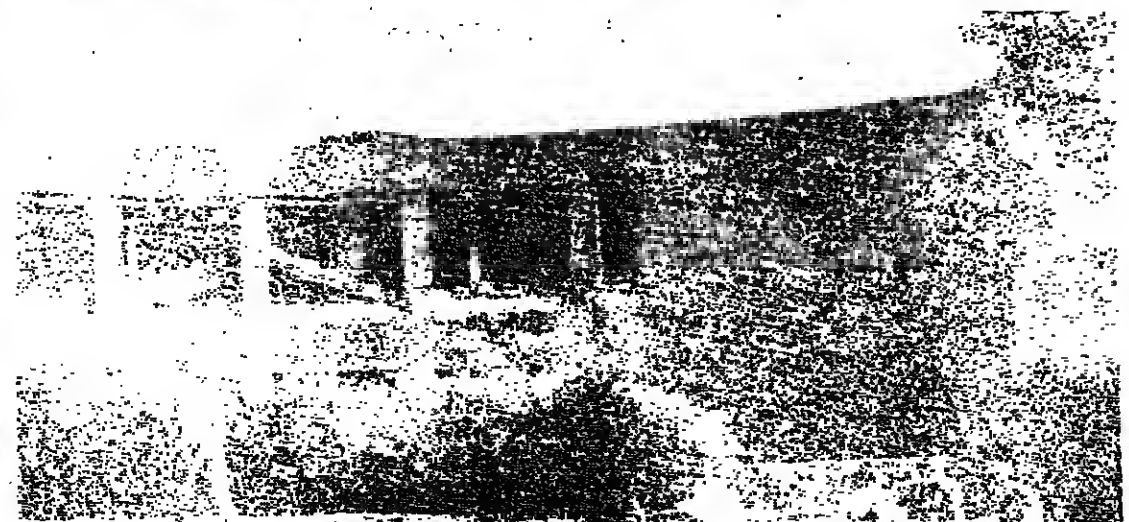


At one of the embassy parking lots, all of the cars are blackened shells, destroyed by the mob.

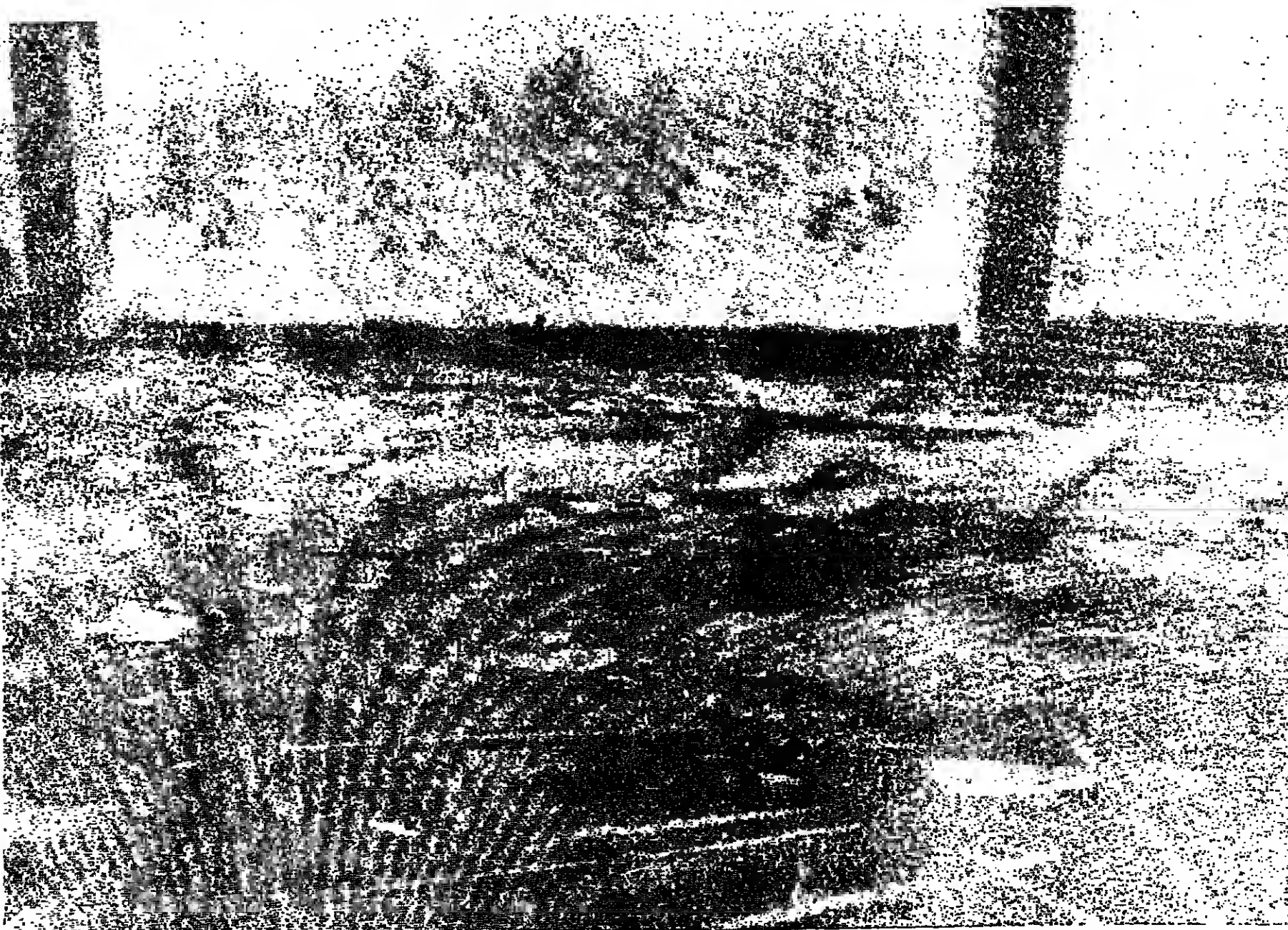
Most of the embassy staff were in the building when the mob attacked, including the ambassador



A Pakistani soldier walks past the burned out hulk of an embassy car after the attack.



The main embassy building, wrecked by the angry demonstrators



Outside the charred remains of one of the downstairs offices at the embassy, Pakistani soldiers set up a camp to protect what is left of the compound.

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Yesterday's Answer

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2. Three diamonds. Prospects for game are better this time, because you have three hearts instead of only two, and a potentially helpful doubleton in clubs besides. These factors add greatly to the promise of the hand, because a notrump bid at hearts looks more strongly on

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You are South and the bidding has gone:

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Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

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Children's Show							
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Oregon Trail							
Warship							
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Man in a Suitcase							

VOA

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News Roundup					
Reports: Actualities					
Opinion: Analyses					
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2:20	On Islam	10:10	Music
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9:05	Gems of Guidance		

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8:30	Bonjour	7:45	En paroles et en chanson
8:35	Varietes	8:15	Jeunesse et Sport
8:45	Occident et Orient	8:20	Varietes
8:50	Varietes	8:30	Informations
9:00	Informations	8:40	Revue de la presse
9:10	Lumieres sur les Informations	8:45	Musique
9:15	Varietes	8:55	Closure
9:30	Etudes Islamiques		
9:35	Musique		
9:59	Closure		

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Morning Transmission

Time	Program	Time	Program
8:00	World News	4:09	Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
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8:30	Sarah Ward	5:15	Report on Religion
8:45	World Today	6:00	Radio Newswire
9:00	NewsDesk	6:15	Outlook
9:30	Opera Star		

World News

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10:00	World News	7:00	World News
10:09	Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7:09	Commentary
10:30	Sarah Ward	7:15	Sherlock Holmes
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11:15	Piano Style	8:30	Take One
11:30	Brain of Britain 1978	8:45	Sports Round-up
12:00	World News		
12:09	British Press Review	9:00	World News
12:15	World Today	9:09	News about Britain
12:30	Financial News	9:15	Radio Newswire
12:40	Look Ahead	9:30	Farming World
12:45	The Tony Myatt	10:00	Outlook News Summary

Evening Transmission

Time	Program	Time	Program
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2:30	Sports International	1:45	Sports Round-up
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Initiation will see you through today's difficulties. Problems will arise, but you'll find solutions. Trust the advice of a loved one.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Tired of the social scene, you withdraw to recoup energies. Petty aggravations will remind you of the need for a cool head and peace.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)
A loved one may feel neglected. Be a friend and loyal when you're together in a social situation. One new friend stands out from the crowd.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)
Career aggravations may necessitate working overtime or at home. Away from the work scene, you'll come up with the right answers.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Spend time with a child who needs your attention. A worry about a distant matter has a happy ending. Take a chance on creativity.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
ESP between you and a close one. Trust intuition and

don't try so hard to win tomorrow? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
If problems crop up relationship, wait for proper moment in the past a good talk. Security is a way to mutual accord.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
If at first you don't succeed keep trying. Don't let a mistake deter you. You come up with the right answer.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Forget about ulterior motives, and then you'll find a good time. Romance can when you forget about things that could go wrong.

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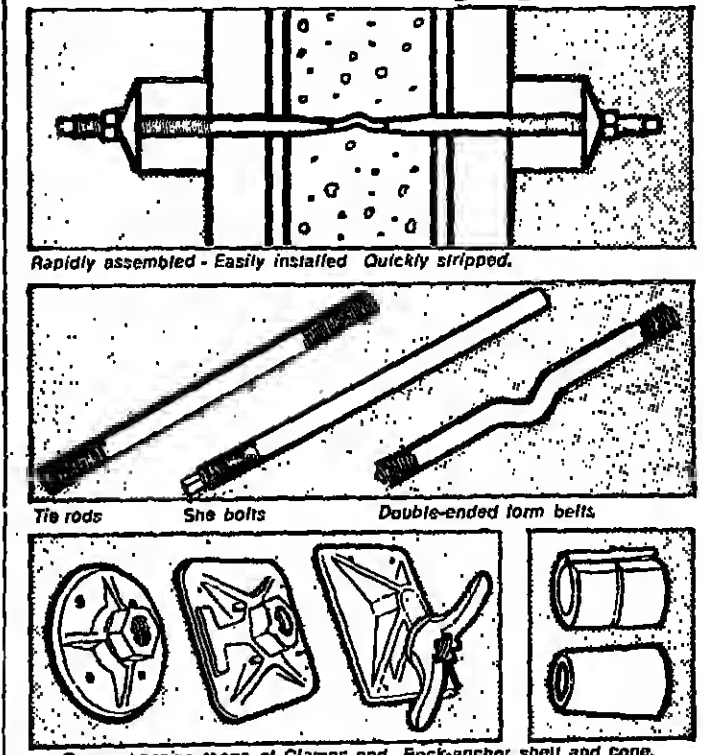
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Zambians demand over \$3b from U.K. oil firms

LUSAKA, Nov. 27 (Agencies) — The Zambian government is demanding more than \$3 billion compensation from 17 British oil companies who allegedly considered to transfer oil meant for Zambia to Rhodesia in violation of international sanctions, Zambian Attorney General Frederick Chomba said Tuesday.

The claim reflects a revised assessment of damages since Zambia originally filed suit against the oil companies in 1977, brought by then-Zambian Minister of Legal Affairs Maicza Chona.

The original suit called for compensation for damages totalling nearly \$1 billion but the attorney general said since then damages have tripled.

"The position at the moment is that we are in the process of updating the statement of claim which we submitted before the Zambian High Court to take into account the evidence that has come to light from publication of the Bingham Report on oil sanctions by the British government," Chomba said.

He said the problem at the moment was to induce the oil companies to respond to the suit.

"We are working out a modus operandi on how to get over this problem and get the foreign companies to answer the summons," he said.

The government was considering taking the case to an international court to try or



A DAIMLER DEBUT : As the peace talks continue in London between Salisbury and the Patriotic Front, the first British goods to arrive in Rhodesia since 1965 are unloaded. It is a Daimler for the British governor who will supervise the transition to what is hoped will be a peaceful independence.

secondly, to deliver judgment in absence and have the verdict transmitted to the home countries involved and ask their governments to take up the case, Chomba said.

He said Zambian-based oil companies including Caltex, Total, Mobil and Shell-BP had all responded to the writs.

At the Rhodesia talks in London, where Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington has been trying to win agreement among the countries' warring factions, the Salisbury government Monday accepted Britain's package for a cease-fire but Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders stuck to their refusal to lay down their

guns under any "threats" from the British. "Threats will not move the Patriotic Front and deadlines will be ignored," said Front spokesman Eddison Zvobgo.

But it was clear that there would be no quick end to the peace talks, now in their 12th week.

Front leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe were pointedly absent from Monday's negotiating session. Lord Carrington had set a noon deadline for the guerrillas to give a "yes" or "no" to the cease-fire package.

"Their absence gives rise to some concern," said a British spokesman for the talks at Lancaster House. "They've still not given us a substantive response."

But Zvobgo said the talks will have to continue "as long as is necessary" before the guerrilla chiefs will come around.

A meeting with the Patriotic Front delegation was expected Tuesday.

Carrington, who flew to Brussels Monday afternoon, has steered the conference through many pitfalls in recent weeks, including crucial agreement on a new constitution and transitional plans for new elections.

But Britain's ultimate goal is finding a final settlement to Rhodesia's seven-year-old war, and Monday's developments once again imperiled the fate of the negotiations.

In Salisbury, former Prime Minister Ian Smith said Monday he would be willing to work with a Patriotic Front government if the guerrilla alliance came to power through elections.

"If they are the government we will work with them. It's no use living in the past, the past is gone," Smith said.

"Whether we like it or not we are faced with circumstances that are bringing in the PF, so we must get on with it."

Smith said the decision that the PF would accept the British constitutional proposals was made at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Lusaka last August.

He expected the London talks to end this week or next, but said elections would not be held before March at the earliest.

The British and Salisbury governments are pressing for a two month campaigning period, but the Front says less than six months will play into the hands of the incumbents.

The Front was gaining concessions by continually delaying the London talks, Smith said. "They are getting better terms for themselves all the time."

Aussies top W. Indies

SYDNEY, Nov. 27 (R) — Australia beat the West Indies, holders of the World Cricket Cup, by five wickets here Tuesday in the first one-day international of a triangular tournament which also involves England.

Captain Greg Chappell was the architect of the Australian victory, scoring an unbeaten 74 after his side had been set 194 for victory. His innings won him the Man-of-the Match Award.

Chappell received excellent support from Kim Hughes, who captained the Australian side on the recent tour of India.

The pair put on 92 for the fourth wicket before Hughes was out for 52.

Dollar in uneven trading as rates for gold slacken

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP) — The dollar was mixed on world money markets Tuesday. Gold bullion prices retreated slightly. Markets remained nervous with the U.S. Iranian conflict ominously in the background.

Where the dollar lost ground, dealers cited Monday's lowering of prime bank rates by several major U.S. banks as the main factor. Lower interest rates mean that dollar holdings provide less return to investors.

In London, the pound was worth \$ 2.1635 from \$ 2.1615 overnight.

In Japan, the dollar broke through the 250-yen barrier to reach its highest rate on the Tokyo foreign exchange market in more than two years and the Bank of Japan announced a series of steps to check the yen's decline.

The dollar closed at 251.525 yen, up from 249.675 yen Monday and 248.375 yen last Thursday, before a three-day weekend.

The Bank of Japan sold an estimated \$ 400 million to \$ 600 million in total spot trading of \$ 171 billion in its efforts to stop the yen's slide. It had spent an estimated \$ 300 million Monday.

Later, the bank announced various steps aimed at stopping speculative yen selling and curbing a drain of capital from Japan.

The dollar has been climbing against the yen since last November, when President Jimmy Carter announced a series of dollar defense measures after

the dollar dropped below 180 yen. For those in Japan with dollar incomes, the difference is, for example, a drop from \$ 28 to \$ 20 for a moderate 5,000-yen restaurant meal for one.

Foreign exchange dealers and analysts said the new central bank measures will exert a psychological pressure against excessive speculative moves, but some expressed concern that the yen's basically weak tone may not change.

Fundamental reasons for the yen's decline include Japan's worsening balance of payments and its oil supply problems. Japan imports almost all its oil and pays for most of it in dollars.

The new measures include requirements for detailed reports on foreign exchange banks' dealings.

West Germany's banking federation said Tuesday that despite its troubles, the dollar remains the cornerstone of world trade and must stay at the center of the international monetary system.

In its annual report, the federation said the dollar must maintain its "central function within the international monetary structure," whose stability is essential to world trade.

The federation maintained the dollar's role cannot be assumed by any other currency, and it called on the United States to make every effort to stabilize its currency.

At IATA meeting in Manila

U.S. under bitter attack for aviation policy

MANILA, Nov. 27 (AP) — The director general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) attacked the United States Tuesday as a threat to a coordinated, smoothly functioning world aviation industry.

A report by Knut Hammaraskjold on the state of the industry at the end of 1979 charged that the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board is bucking almost every government and airline and even other U.S. government agencies by trying to "export its domestic deregulation experiment to the rest of the world."

Hammaraskjold presented the report at the first working session of IATA's 35th annual general meeting, during which industry sources said the air policies of President

Jimmy Carter were certain to come under constant and bitter attack.

"I believe it would be both tragic and ironic if the traditional pattern in IATA were to be disrupted by ill-advised unilateral action," the Swedish IATA chief said, in a message of thanks to President Ferdinand Marcos.

"I fear that such action, even if taken in the name of freedom and liberalism, may instead lead to polarization, fragmentation, isolationism and a retrograde retreat into a parochial mentality and ultimately to protectionism."

Such developments, he said, "would transform not only the aviation environment as we know it but would also have negative spill-over effects on international understanding

more generally. I sincerely trust that this can be avoided."

While insisting that IATA is not a cartel, the association contends the nature of the industry requires a coordinated, multinational approach. It claims its standardized fares and ticketing practices are responsible for one-ticket travel on several carriers.

The U.S. CAB, reflecting the thinking of the Carter administration, issued orders this year threatening to prosecute under U.S. anti-trust laws any airline subscribing to IATA guidelines.

The effect of deregulation generally is to increase competition, thus theoretically lowering fares.

Hammaraskjold found a pro-regulation ally in Marcos, although the Philippine leader's mention of the IATA-U.S. confrontation was more subdued. He said the Philippines is "urging caution and moderation in current efforts to fully deregulate the international aviation industry and diminish the role of multilateral cooperation."

Conference organizers said more than 700 chief executives and other senior officials of 103 IATA airlines are attending the four-day general meeting.

The meeting is IATA's first under a reorganization plan that makes member participation in the trade association mandatory but gives airlines the option of participating in traffic conferences setting passenger fares, cargo rates and service standards subject to government approval.

Officials said the reorganization was to allow more competition, flexibility and innovation in pricing and service, achieving one goal of the U.S. policy.

expressed its gratitude to Saudi officials who, it said, handled the situation in a most responsible and desirable manner.

In Abu Dhabi, the newspaper *Al-Istikhad* lauded the Islamic world's complete solidarity with Saudi Arabia and said that Muslims ought to show cooperation in different fields as well to give a new force to themselves and their faith.

In Amman, the daily *Al-Ray* denounced the assault on the Grand Mosque and said the action of the assailants was "characteristic of their shallowness."

It urged the Islamic states to make serious efforts to deal with the deviationist tendency of some Muslim youth and checking the phenomena of degeneration and disintegration in the Islamic societies.

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authorities handled the situation successfully.

On the other hand, Islamic governments and organizations continued to denounce the attack. In Kuwait, the newspaper *Al-Anbaa* described the assault as the "ugliest crime ever perpetrated on Islam and Muslims". It said "the criminal act failed in its objectives, as falsehood cannot triumph over truth."

Commenting on the visit of the Ruler of Kuwait to Riyadh Monday, *Al-Anbaa* said the common destiny, history and faith provided a platform for the meeting of the two sovereigns.

Another Kuwaiti daily *Al-Siyassah* said that "this deviationist group has placed the authorities before a fait accompli that has to be treated from its very roots." The paper

Zambia officer shot reported in head, newsman maintain

LONDON, Nov. 27 (R) — A New Zealand cameraman, released Monday night from a Lusaka jail, said that a Zambian official shot Australian television reporter Tony Joyce while he was being held in a police car.

Derek McKendry, who works for the Australian Broadcasting Commission, gave his account of the incident, in which Joyce was critically wounded, after arriving back in London early Tuesday.

The Australian reporter, still gravely ill in a London hospital, was shot in the head while the two men were on a reporting trip to a bridge near Lusaka which had earlier been blown up in an incursion by Zimbabwe Rhodesian troops.

McKendry, 38, told reporters that the unidentified official fired at Joyce from close range with an automatic pistol while the two

men were sitting with their taxi-driver in back of a stationary police car.

The Zambian government has said Joyce was wounded when Zambian soldiers opened fire to stop their taxi.

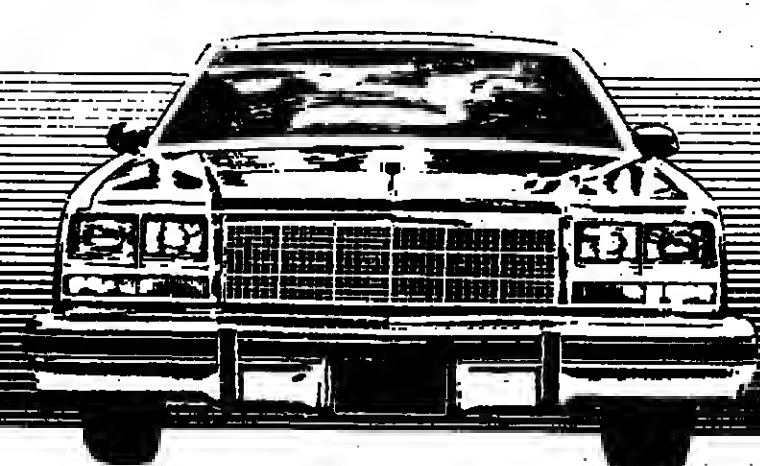
McKendry said he and Joyce were driven away from the Chongwe Bridge after the site unhindered when a bullet struck back of the taxi.

A dozen men, some in uniform, emerged from the bushes and surrounded the believing they were Zimbabwe-Rhodesian commandos, he said.

The men, all in an agitated state, were by a man in black trousers whom he understood to be a local political official.

Police arrived and searched the two men and made them sit in the back of the car, McKendry said.

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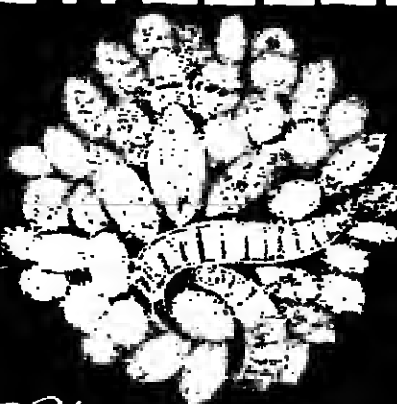
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